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Act No. 117 (H.550). An act relating to gender equity within Vermont's correctional facilities

Subjects: Corrections; health care; administration; transgender standards

This act creates standards related to gender identification, searches, and housing placement for transgender, gender-diverse, and intersex individuals in correctional facilities. It requires that the Department of Corrections comply with current federal standards under the Prison Rape Elimination Act and submit the data required under the Prison Rape Elimination Act to the General Assembly. This act further requires the Department of Corrections to submit reports regarding its updated search policy and changes to Prison Rape Elimination Act standards. This act requires that the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee review current practices related to gender-affirming care in correctional settings and submit a report with recommended statutory language.

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