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2 Introduced by Representatives Burditt of West Rutland, Galfetti of Barre  
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4 Malay of Pittsford, Oliver of Sheldon, and Rachelson of  
5 Burlington

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Judiciary; corrections; sentencing; community restitution; work crew

9 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create a date  
10 certain for the Department of Corrections to implement its community  
11 restitution program (work crew), as well as mandating the reinstatement of prior  
12 policies governing the program and limitations on the time periods imposed for  
13 work crew.

14 An act relating to developing the Department of Corrections' community  
15 restitution program

16 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

17 Sec. 1. COMMUNITY RESTITUTION; DEVELOPMENT;

18 IMPLEMENTATION

19 (a) On or before July 1, 2025, the Department of Corrections shall  
20 reinstitute the Field Based Community Restitution Program, commonly

1 referred to as “work crew,” that was discontinued by the Rescinding  
2 Memorandum issued by the Department, which rescinded Department Policy  
3 #339.01, Court and Reparative Services Unit Operations Directive, dated  
4 March 13, 1995 and Department Policy #392.01, Operation of Field Based  
5 Community Restitution Program, dated July 1, 2021, and was effective on July  
6 1, 2023.

7 (b) The Department of Corrections may enact policies limiting the number  
8 of days ordered on a single mittimus and how many total work crew days an  
9 offender may have outstanding at any time to be eligible for work crew. The  
10 Department shall set the number of work crew days imposed under a single  
11 mittimus to not less than 20 days or the total number that may be outstanding  
12 on multiple mittimuses to not less than 60 days.

13 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on passage.