

1 S.184

2 Introduced by Senator Lyons

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Community justice centers

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish the  
7 Community Justice Center Working Group for the purpose of identifying  
8 available support services for pretrial diversion and transitional needs and the  
9 mechanisms to make such information available to courts and other  
10 stakeholders and to identify gaps in services in each community justice center  
11 area, including behavioral health services.

12 An act relating to community justice centers

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

14 Sec. 1. COMMUNITY JUSTICE CENTER WORKING GROUP

15 (a) The Community Justice Center Working Group is created for the  
16 purpose of identifying available support services for pretrial diversion and  
17 transitional needs and the mechanisms to make such information available to  
18 courts and other stakeholders and to identify gaps in services in each  
19 community justice center area, including behavioral health services.

1        (b) The Working Group shall be composed of the following members:

2            (1) one member from the Community Restorative Justice Center serving  
3        Caledonia County and southern Essex County and two members from other  
4        community justice centers, appointed by the Vermont Community Justice  
5        Network;

6            (2) the Chief Superior Court Judge or designee;

7            (3) the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health or designee;

8            (4) the Commissioner of Health or designee;

9            (5) the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections or designee; and

10          (6) a member, appointed by the Attorney General.

11          (c) The Working Group shall present its findings and any recommendations  
12        to the General Assembly not later than December 1, 2026.

13        Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

14          This act shall take effect on passage.