

1 (i) Department of Corrections.

2 (1) In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:

3 (A) \$200,000.00 from the General Fund to retain a consultant to
4 develop an implementation plan for the Northeast Correctional Complex’s
5 (NECC) transition to a treatment-focused facility for incarcerated Vermonters;
6 and

7 (B) \$100,000.00 from the General Fund for early phase
8 implementation of the NECC transition to a treatment-focused facility.

9 (2) The Joint Legislative Justice Oversight shall review any request for
10 proposal to retain a consultant for the purposes described in subdivision (i)(1)
11 of this section.

12 (3) On or before November 15, 2025, the Department of Corrections
13 shall submit a written report to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight
14 Committee concerning the consultant’s findings and recommendations
15 concerning NECC’s transition to a treatment-focused facility. The report shall
16 contain the following:

17 (A) a detailed transition plan;

18 (B) expected outcomes and measures of success;

19 (C) an assessment of how NECC’s transition to a treatment-focused
20 facility aligns with best practices for residential treatment programs; and

1 (D) input from the Department’s current medical providers, including
2 an analysis of how the program developed would impact the existing contract
3 with WellPath, LLC.