

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 and
4 develop an implementation plan to transition any of the following facilities, or
5 portions of the following facilities, to a treatment-focused facility for
6 incarcerated Vermonters:

7 (A) the Northeast Correctional Complex (NECC); or

8 (B) the Caledonia County Work Camp (Work Camp).

9 (2) On or before December 1, 2025, the Department of Corrections shall
10 submit a written report to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee
11 concerning the consultant’s findings and recommendations related to
12 transitioning either the NECC or the Work Camp, or parts of both, to a
13 treatment-focused facility. The report shall contain the following:

14 (A) a detailed transition plan;

15 (B) expected outcomes and measures of success;

16 (C) an assessment of how transitioning either the NECC or Work
17 Camp, or parts of both, to a treatment-focused facility aligns with best
18 practices for residential treatment programs; and

19 (D) input from the Department’s current medical providers, including
20 an analysis of how the program developed would impact any contract with the
21 Department’s third-party medical provider.