

1 Sec. 12a. CORRECTIONS; WORKFORCE TRAINING

2 (a) On or before October 10, 2019, the Department of Corrections, the
3 Department of Labor, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the
4 Department of Economic Development shall work together and with other
5 relevant partners to develop an outreach strategy to provide Vermont
6 employers with information, strategies, and best practices in hiring and
7 retaining employees who are new Americans, in recovery from substance
8 misuse, or have been involved with the justice system. The outreach strategy
9 will include components related to:

10 (1) minimizing barriers for offenders to obtaining and maintaining
11 employment; and

12 (2) minimizing the impact of program and supervision requirements on
13 the offender's employment, including monitoring and facilitating compliance
14 with Department of Corrections case plan goals based on best practices and
15 consistent with public safety.

16 (b) Report. On or before December 15, 2020, the Departments of
17 Corrections and Labor shall report to the House Committees on Commerce and
18 Economic Development and on Corrections and Institutions and to the Senate
19 Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on
20 Institutions concerning the implementation of this section.