

S.289

Introduced by Senators Benning, Brock, Collamore, McNeil, Parent and  
Westman

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Corrections; probation and parole officers

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow  
probation and parole officers to carry firearms while on duty after successfully  
completing a course conducted by the Vermont Criminal Justice Training  
Council.

An act relating to allowing probation and parole officers to carry firearms  
while on duty

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

Sec. 1. 28 V.S.A. § 551a(c) is added to read:

(c) Upon request of a correctional officer who is assigned to the Field  
Supervision Unit, the Commissioner shall authorize the officer to train and  
become certified by the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council in the use  
of firearms for defensive purposes, appropriate use of force, reporting and  
recordkeeping related to firearms, and personal liability for actions and  
conduct related to firearms. The Commissioner and the Executive Director of

1     the Council shall develop the curriculum necessary to comply with this  
2     subsection. A correctional officer who successfully completes the training  
3     requirements of this subsection shall be permitted to carry a firearm while on  
4     duty and to employ it in a defensive capacity.

5     Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

6     This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.