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4 Brattleboro, Carroll of Bennington, Dolan of Waitsfield,
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8 Hartland, Redmond of Essex, and Sullivan of Dorset

9 Referred to Committee on

10 Date:

11 Subject: Workforce training and education; probation and parole officers

12 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
13 Department of Corrections to provide standardized education and training to
14 probation and parole officers.

15 An act relating to education and training for probation and parole officers

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

17 Sec. 1. 28 V.S.A. § 102 is amended to read:

18 § 102. COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONS; APPOINTMENT;

19 POWERS; RESPONSIBILITIES

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1 (c) The Commissioner is charged with the following responsibilities:

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3 (12)(A) To establish training programs for new employees, and to
4 establish such in-service training programs as he or she deems advisable.

5 (B)(i) Pursuant to this subdivision (12), the Commissioner shall
6 establish a standardized program of education and training for all new and
7 existing probation and parole officers. The program shall include components
8 related to:

9 (aa) case plan development;

10 (bb) attainment of position-related goals;

11 (cc) maximizing the ability of offenders to meet program
12 and supervision requirements; and

13 (dd) minimizing the impact of program and supervision
14 requirements on the offender's employment.

15 (ii) The Commissioner may contract with the Department of Labor
16 for purposes of providing the education and training required by this
17 subdivision.

18 (iii) The Commissioner shall ensure that all incumbent probation
19 and parole officers receive the education and training required by this
20 subdivision on or before July 1, 2020.

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1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.