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H.435 An act relating to miscellaneous Department of Corrections-related amendments – As Introduced

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/Documents/2022/Docs/BILLS/H-0435/H-0435%20As%20Introduced.pdf>

H.435 has a few components

1. Study: Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee will study permitting the Department of Corrections (DOC) to administer polygraph to certain applicants and conduct drug testing for certain employees. Findings and recommendations will be submitted to House Corrections & Institutions and Senate Judiciary Committees
Fiscal impact: no cost for the study
2. Creation of a DOC Monitoring Commission: The Monitoring Commission is composed of seven members. Assuming the Commission meets quarterly, it will cost approximately \$4,000/ year through FY2025 when the commission ends. The cost will vary with the number of meetings. DOC can fund this within their current budget.
3. Creation of a Corrections Investigative Unit in DOC: The DOC Corrections Investigative Unit will be staffed and funded within the current DOC positions and budget.
fiscal impact: no net cost
4. Criminal Justice Council and DOC shall develop a proposal for training standards, certification and decertification of correctional officers with a report due to Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee.
fiscal impact: no cost for the study