

1 S.245

2 Introduced by Senator Hooker

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Executive Branch; corrections; facility; justice-involved youth

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to: (1) fit-up the
7 former Southeast State Correctional Facility for emergency use as a secure
8 facility for justice-involved youth, and (2) require the Secretary of Human
9 Services to develop a plan for a permanent secure facility for justice-involved
10 youth.

11 An act relating to a secure facility for justice-involved youth

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

13 Sec. 1. EMERGENCY SECURE FACILITY; JUSTICE-INVOLVED

14 YOUTH; FORMER SOUTHEAST STATE CORRECTIONAL

15 FACILITY; WINDSOR

16 (a) Not more than 30 days after enactment of this act, the Department for
17 Children and Families shall fit-up space for 10 beds at the former Southeast
18 State Correctional Facility in Windsor, Vermont, for use as an emergency
19 secure facility for justice-involved youth. The facility shall be in use until a
20 permanent facility is available.

1 (b) The amount of \$3,165,045.00 is reallocated to the Department for
2 Children and Families for the Department of Buildings and General Services
3 from the amount appropriated to the Department for Children and Families in
4 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 154, Sec. B.327, as amended by 2021 Acts and
5 Resolves No. 3, Sec. 23, for fit-up and renovation of the former Southeast State
6 Correctional Facility for the purpose described in subsection (a) of this section.

7 Sec. 2. PERMANENT SECURE FACILITY FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED
8 YOUTH; HUMAN SERVICES; PLAN

9 On or before December 1, 2022, the Secretary of Human Services shall
10 submit a plan to the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions and on
11 Human Services and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on
12 Institutions for a permanent State-owned and operated 10-bed secure facility
13 for justice-involved youth. The plan shall include recommendations for the
14 location of the facility, whether the facility would be a new construction or
15 fitting-up an existing space, and any estimated capital and operating expenses.

16 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on passage.