

eligible for weatherization assistance, assign the greatest weight to those buildings and units that require the most Btus to heat a square foot of space.

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(G) With respect to multi-family buildings housing recipients of home heating fuel assistance under chapter 26 of this title, targeting outreach efforts to ensure the highest weatherization participation rates by owners of such buildings.

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Sec. E.328 [DELETED]

Sec. E.329 VERMONT VETERANS' HOME; REGIONAL BED

CAPACITY

(a) The Agency of Human Services shall not include the bed count at the Vermont Veterans' Home when recommending and implementing policies that are based on or intended to impact regional nursing home bed capacity in the State.



Sec. E.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental services

(a) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, the Agency of Human Services, the Department of Finance and Management, and the Joint Fiscal Office shall:

(1) After review of preliminary fiscal year 2013 close out of the developmental services appropriation unit, present an estimate to the Joint

Fiscal Committee at its July 2013 meeting regarding the amount, if any, of the fiscal year 2014 Developmental Services program budget that needs to be addressed through administrative or operational changes in order to manage the service needs within the appropriated funds;

(2) Review the methodology for forecasting both the caseload and utilization for developmental disabilities programs and shall report any recommendations for changing this methodology to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its September 2013 meeting;

(3) Recommend a consensus estimate for the fiscal year 2015 developmental services caseload, utilization, and budget to the Emergency Board at its January 2014 meeting.

(b) In anticipation that there will be some fiscal year 2014 amount of administrative or operational changes needed to manage the service needs within the appropriated funds, the Secretary of Human Services, or designee shall convene a Work Group to:

(1) assess whether the methods of developmental service case planning and oversight should be revised;

(2) assess whether alternate practices could be identified, resulting in more cost-effective use of the resources available for developmental services;

(3) determine what changes could be reasonably implemented in fiscal year 2014 to manage the service needs within the appropriated funds and identify the fiscal year 2014 amount, if any, of budgetary management that will

be accomplished through existing System of Care Plan rescission processes based upon the estimate provided in subdivision (a)(1) of this section;

(4) report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its September 2013 meeting on subdivisions (b)(1)–(3) of this section;

(5) identify cost-effective, innovative models of care and develop recommendations as to how these models could be implemented in Vermont; and

(6) inform participants working to update the System of Care Plan for June 2014 on these findings and recommendations.

(c) There is created a Work Group composed of the following members:

(1) the Secretary of Human Services or designee, who shall be chair;

(2) the Commissioner of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living or designee;

(3) the Director of Developmental Services or designee;

(4) two members appointed by the Vermont Council of Developmental and Mental Health Services;

(5) two members appointed by the Developmental Disabilities Council who may be any combination of a parent of, a family member of, or a person living with a disability; and

(6) up to three additional members appointed by the Secretary or designee deemed desirable for policy expertise or stakeholder input.

(d) For fiscal year 2014, no modifications or rescissions to the System of Care Plan shall be initiated until September 1, 2013.

(e) The members of the Work Group created in subsection (c) of this section, shall be appointed as soon as is practicable following the effective date of this section. Members of the Work Group who are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated by their employer or association for their participation in the Work Group shall be reimbursed at the per diem rate set forth in 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

Sec. E.335 JOINT CORRECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; HOME  
DETENTION; HOME CONFINEMENT

(a) The Joint Committee on Corrections Oversight, in consultation with the Commissioner of Corrections and other stakeholders, shall develop a proposal to increase the use of home detention and home confinement in lieu of incarceration in a correctional facility. The Committee shall consider the following:

(1) establishment of a unit that provides 24-hour electronic monitoring of detainees and offenders, the costs associated with such a unit, including any costs to communities, and whether services could be contracted with another state or entity currently operating a similar program;

(2) revisions to the statutes concerning bail and conditions of release; and