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2 Introduced by Representatives Howard of Rutland City, Anthony of Barre  
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5 Berkshire, Hooper of Burlington, Morgan of Milton, Notte of  
6 Rutland City, Smith of Derby, and Yantachka of Charlotte

7 Referred to Committee on

8 Date:

9 Subject: Corrections; probation and parole officers

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

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

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

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

18 (c) Upon request of a correctional officer who is assigned to the Field  
19 Supervision Unit, the Commissioner shall authorize the officer to train and  
20 become certified by the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council in the use

1 of firearms for defensive purposes, appropriate use of force, reporting and  
2 recordkeeping related to firearms, and personal liability for actions and  
3 conduct related to firearms. The Commissioner and the Executive Director of  
4 the Council shall develop the curriculum necessary to comply with this  
5 subsection. A correctional officer who successfully completes the training  
6 requirements of this subsection shall be permitted to carry a firearm while on  
7 duty and to employ it in a defensive capacity.

8 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

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