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Directs the Commissioner of Corrections to establish gardening programs for inmates at facilities where security and space allow for gardens. Inmates shall primarily tend the gardens and the produce is intended for inmate consumption. Excess produce shall be donated to local charities. Any produce that cannot be donated shall be sold.

Requires the commissioner to include information on the gardening program in the department's annual report to the legislature.