
DIGEST

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Abstract: Directs the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) to develop a program to provide medication-assisted treatment for inmates.

Proposed law directs the DPS&C to work with the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) and the La. Sheriffs' Association to develop a program to provide medication-assisted treatment for inmates.

Proposed law requires each inmate to work with a specialist to determine an individual treatment plan regarding the type and dosage of medication.

Proposed law provides for the program to include a reentry strategy that offers each inmate information on treatment facilities, housing, and employment resources.

Proposed law provides inmates who are preparing for release with a one-week supply of medication to prevent relapse.

Proposed law requires procedures to be developed to assist anyone released under supervision who relapses or fails a drug test to get support in lieu of arrest.

Proposed law requires the secretary of the DPS&C to submit an annual report to the governor and the legislature on the effectiveness of the program and to provide legislative proposals. Requires the first report submission by Aug. 1, 2027.

Proposed law authorizes an inmate to enter into the program at any point during his incarceration and prohibits such inmate from being denied participation on the basis of a positive drug test.

Proposed law provides for the program to include plans for certain substances, a certain amount of medication for treatment of substance abuse disorder at each facility, counseling and support, and reentry support.

Proposed law provides exceptions for the requirement that local correctional facilities have a certain amount of medication if the facility lacks resources or proximity to medical providers.

Proposed law requires funding for the program to be apportioned from state opioid settlement funds or, if unavailable, appropriated by the legislature.

(Adds R.S. 15:574.63)