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In Senate, March 5, 2019

**An Act To Require That Comprehensive Substance Use Disorder
Treatment Be Made Available to Maine's Incarcerated Population**

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SANBORN, L. of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative GATTINE of Westbrook and
Senators: CLAXTON of Androscoggin, LUCHINI of Hancock, Representatives: DUNPHY of
Old Town, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, JORGENSEN of Portland, PIERCE of Falmouth.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §1402, sub-§10-A** is enacted to read:

3 **10-A. Substance use disorder treatment program.** The commissioner shall
4 establish and maintain a substance use disorder treatment program in the correctional
5 facilities, which must, at a minimum:

6 A. Provide for a substance use disorder assessment on intake for all clients to assess
7 the risk of overdose or withdrawal and to determine treatment options;

8 B. Include comprehensive behavioral treatment options for clients that involve
9 recovery groups, individual counseling and identification and treatment of associated
10 mental health disorders;

11 C. Provide a variety of medication-assisted treatment options and other substance use
12 disorder treatment options for clients with substance use disorder for treatment of
13 withdrawal and maintenance therapy; and

14 D. Coordinate with representatives of local recovery communities and providers of
15 local case management services to offer peer support and comprehensive treatment
16 options to clients after release.

17 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
18 allocations are made.

19 **CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**

20 **Correctional Medical Services Fund 0286**

21 Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to establish and maintain a substance use disorder
22 treatment program in correctional facilities, including an assessment on intake for all
23 clients, behavioral treatment, medication-assisted treatment and peer support and
24 comprehensive treatment options after release.

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26	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
27	All Other	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
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29	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This bill requires the Commissioner of Corrections to establish and maintain a
32 substance use disorder treatment program in the correctional facilities, which must
33 provide for an assessment on intake, provide a variety of behavioral and medication-
34 assisted treatment options and offer peer support and comprehensive treatment options
35 after release. The bill also provides funding for the establishment of the substance use
36 disorder treatment program.