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House of Representatives, April 6, 2022

An Act To Maintain a Comprehensive Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program for Maine's Incarcerated Population

Reported by Five Members in Report A from the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 113, section 1.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

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

2 **Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §3050** is enacted to read:

3 **§3050. Comprehensive substance use disorder treatment program**

4 The commissioner shall maintain a comprehensive substance use disorder treatment
5 program, referred to in this section as "the program," in all correctional facilities. The
6 program must include, but is not limited to, screening, assessment and treatment of persons
7 residing in correctional facilities for substance use disorder, including alcohol use disorder.

8 **1. Screening, assessment and treatment.** The program must include screening,
9 assessment and treatment, including, but not limited to, screening during the intake process,
10 medically managed withdrawal, medication-assisted treatment, individual and group
11 counseling and other behavioral treatment options. Medication-assisted treatment must use
12 medications approved or authorized by the United States Food and Drug Administration
13 for the treatment of substance use disorder, including alcohol use disorder, including at
14 least one of each formulation of all United States Food and Drug Administration-approved
15 medication-assisted treatments for those disorders.

16 **2. Training and technical assistance.** The program must provide initial and ongoing
17 training and technical assistance for correctional facility staff and health care practitioners
18 in each correctional facility.

19 **3. Program coordination.** The program must include coordination with community-
20 based treatment and recovery organizations to facilitate supportive reentry and continuity
21 of care after release.

22 **4. Report.** The department shall provide an annual report regarding the program to
23 the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and
24 public safety matters by January 15th.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill is reported out by the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and
27 Public Safety pursuant to Resolve 2021, chapter 113 and is supported by a majority of the
28 committee. The bill directs the Commissioner of Corrections to maintain a comprehensive
29 substance use disorder treatment program in all state correctional facilities.

30 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

31 **(See attached)**



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Fiscal Note for Original Bill
Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Corrections has indicated that costs to continue and maintain a comprehensive substance use disorder treatment program in correctional facilities is anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.