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Bill Analysis

SB 511 defines harm-reduction services in the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act. Harm-reduction services are programs established to reduce the spread of infectious disease, reduce drug dependency, and increase safe recovery and disposal of used syringes and sharp waste. Government entities or their partners, religious institutions, nonprofits, tribal governments, and for-profit companies may establish a harm-reduction service. Such services are authorized to possess certain drug paraphernalia items to further the goals of the service, refer patients to mental health services, offer referrals for drug treatment programs, and employ rapid testing for sexually transmitted infections. Entities seeking to establish a harm-reduction service shall register with the State Department of Health.

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