

Bill Summary
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Bill Analysis

SB 844 provides that the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall receive appropriated funds in order to provide mental services. The amount of the appropriation shall be equal to the monies saved due to the reduction of the number and length of incarcerations attributed to the enactment of State Question 780. The Legislative Office of Fiscal Transparency shall calculate the annual dollar amount of savings. The Department is directed to issue a request for proposals by which county governments or multi-county partnerships may apply for funds to develop substance abuse rehabilitation, diversion from the criminal justice system, treatment, employment, or housing programs. The measure requires the Department to provide the Legislature with an annual report showing the amount awarded to each county. County governments shall submit all necessary documents to meet the requirements outlined in the request for the proposal to be considered. The Department shall promulgate rules establishing qualifications to receive funding.

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