

SENATE BILL 1428

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33
and Title 41, relative to programs for chemically
dependent inmates and prisoners.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-1-122, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) Acting in consultation with the commissioner of correction, the board of parole, and the commissioner of mental health and substance abuse services, the county mayor of any county in this state is authorized to establish a pilot project to provide an intensive program of diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation for chemically dependent county prisoners and state inmates housed within county correctional facilities. The pilot project may partner with or use the services of a nonprofit organization to provide diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation. Rehabilitation may include vocational and educational counseling services to participants in the pilot project.

(b) The pilot project shall also provide an intensive program of diagnosis, treatment, and rehabilitation for chemically dependent county and state parolees residing within the county.

(c) Records must be maintained to document and evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot project and, to the extent possible, must include information regarding recidivism among project participants.

(d) In addition to state funds appropriated by the general appropriations act, the pilot program may make use of other funds, public or private, by way of gift, grant, or appropriation.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.