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An act relating to the provision of medication-assisted treatment for inmates

The Senate concurs in the House proposal of amendment with the following proposal of amendment thereto:

In Sec. 4, 28 V.S.A. § 801b, by striking out subsection (d) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(d)(1) As part of reentry planning, the Department shall commence medication-assisted treatment prior to an inmate's release if:

(A) the inmate screens positive for an opioid use disorder;

(B) medication-assisted treatment is medically necessary; and

(C) the inmate elects to commence medication-assisted treatment.

(2) If medication-assisted treatment is indicated and despite best efforts induction is not possible prior to release, the Department shall ensure comprehensive care coordination with a community-based provider.