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2 Representative Taylor of Colchester moves that the House concur with the
3 Senate proposal of amendment with further proposal of amendment as follows:

4 First: In Sec. 1, 28 V.S.A. § 801, after the section heading “MEDICAL
5 CARE OF INMATES” by inserting the following:

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7 (b)(1) Upon admission to a correctional facility for a minimum of
8 14 consecutive days, each inmate shall be given a physical assessment unless
9 extenuating circumstances exist.

10 (2) Within 24 hours after admission to a correctional facility, each
11 inmate shall be screened for substance use disorders as part of the initial and
12 ongoing substance use screening and assessment process. This process
13 includes screening and assessment for opioid use disorders.

14 Second: In Sec. 1, 28 V.S.A. § 801(e)(1), after the words “Except as
15 otherwise provided in this subsection, an” by striking “offender” and inserting
16 in lieu thereof “~~offender~~ inmate”

17 Third: In Sec. 1, 28 V.S.A. § 801(e)(1), after the words “prescription
18 monitoring or information system” by inserting “, including buprenorphine,
19 methadone, or other medication prescribed in the course of medication-assisted
20 treatment.”

1 Fourth: In Sec. 1, 28 V.S.A. § 801(e), after subdivision (4), by inserting a
2 subdivision (5) to read as follows:

3 (5) As used in this subchapter:

4 (A) “Medically necessary” describes health care services that are
5 appropriate in terms of type, amount, frequency, level, setting, and duration to
6 the individual’s diagnosis or condition, are informed by generally accepted
7 medical or scientific evidence, and are consistent with generally accepted
8 practice parameters. Such services shall be informed by the unique needs of
9 each individual and each presenting situation, and shall include a determination
10 that a service is needed to achieve proper growth and development or to
11 prevent the onset or worsening of a health condition.

12 (B) “Medication-assisted treatment” shall have the same meaning as
13 in 18 V.S.A. § 4750.

14 Fifth: By inserting after Sec. 1 a new section to be Sec. 1a to read as
15 follows:

16 Sec. 1a. 18 V.S.A. § 4750 is added to read:

17 § 4750. DEFINITION

18 As used in this chapter, “medication-assisted treatment” means the use of
19 U.S. Federal Drug Administration-approved medications, in combination with
20 counseling and behavioral therapies, to provide a whole patient approach to the
21 treatment of substance use disorders.