

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Corrections and Institutions to which was referred
3 House Bill No. 476 entitled “An act relating to treatment and programming at
4 correctional facilities” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting
6 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY SERVICES AT
8 CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES; STUDY

9 (a) The Commissioner of Corrections, in consultation with the Division of
10 Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Judiciary, shall study approaches to
11 substance abuse recovery services in State and out-of-state correctional
12 facilities for inmates who are in need of substance abuse recovery in order to
13 provide a holistic approach to their recovery. The study shall include:

14 (1) a review of recovery regimens for inmates, including:

15 (A) screening by a medical and mental health professional upon
16 initial entry into a correctional facility;

17 (B) continuing preexisting prescriptions and medication treatments
18 during an inmate’s incarceration;

19 (C) providing supportive and treatment-enhancing activities
20 throughout the inmate’s incarceration, including recovery coaching, certified

1 drug and alcohol counselors, and technology-enabled substance abuse recovery
2 programs; and

3 (D) developing relationships with community providers once an
4 inmate approaches release;

5 (2) ways to link recovery programs with increased secondary and
6 postsecondary educational opportunities and job skills and training
7 opportunities;

8 (3) opportunities to develop and use self-help peer groups to assist in
9 recovery and in maintaining abstinence;

10 (4) opportunities for mandatory and voluntary services;

11 (5) the estimated number of inmates impacted and costs associated with
12 providing recovery services; and

13 (6) any operational challenges associated with providing recovery
14 services.

15 (b) On or before December 1, 2017, the Commissioner of Corrections shall
16 submit a report to the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions, on
17 Human Services, and on Judiciary and the Senate Committees on Institutions,
18 on Health and Welfare, and on Judiciary on the findings of the study described
19 in subsection (a) of this section. The report shall include recommendations for
20 legislative action to implement new recovery services based on the findings of
21 the study.

1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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8 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE