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 Provides for medication-assisted treatment for substance abuse in jails and prisons

Proposed law directs the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to work with the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and the Louisiana Sheriffs Association to develop a program to provide medication-assisted treatment for inmates; requires each inmate to work with a specialist to determine an individual treatment plan regarding the type and dosage of medication; provides for the program to include a reentry strategy that offers each inmate information on treatment facilities, housing, and employment resources; provides inmates who are preparing for release with a one-week supply of medication to prevent relapse; requires procedures to be developed to assist anyone released under supervision who relapses or fails a drug test to get support in lieu of arrest; requires the secretary of DPS&C to submit an annual report to the governor and the legislature on the effectiveness of the program and to provide legislative proposals, and requires the first report submission by 8/01/27; authorizes an inmate to enter into the program at any point during his incarceration and prohibits him from being denied participation on the basis of a positive drug test; provides for the program to include plans for certain substances, a certain amount of medication for treatment of substance abuse disorder at each facility, counseling and support, reentry, and support; provides for exceptions for the requirement that local correctional facilities have a certain amount of medication if it lacks resources or proximity to medical providers; requires funding for the program to be apportioned from state opioid settlement funds and subsidized by federal funding, as available, or if unavailable, appropriated by the legislature.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will likely result in a significant but indeterminable increase in Local Funds (opioid settlement fund) expenditures for parish governments and Sheriffs to implement a medication-assisted treatment program at local jails. Proposed law may result in a significant but indeterminable increase SGF expenditures subject to appropriation, in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections-Services (DPS&C-CS), to develop (in conjunction with the Louisiana Department of Health and the Louisiana Sheriff's Association) and implement a medication-assisted treatment program for inmates.

Proposed law provides for certain requirements of the program, including the development of treatment plans on the types and dosages of medication, programs for reentry strategies, counseling and support, development of procedures to treat those inmates who relapse, providing one-week supplies of medication to prevent relapse, among other requirements. The exact fiscal impact to DPS&C-CS or locals is indeterminable, because it unknown the cost per inmate to provide a treatment program nor the number of inmates who would participate in such program.

Proposed law requires funding for the medication-assisted treatment program to be apportioned from state opioid settlement funds; however, these funds are not available for DPS&C-CS as they are allocated to locals. In 2023, the state signed the Louisiana State-Local Government Opioid Litigation Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter called the MOU) as part of an opioid settlement. The state is anticipated to receive a total of \$577 M through 2038. The MOU directs all funds to an Opioid Abatement Fund for the benefit of local jurisdictions, with 80% of funds allocated to the state's 64 parishes and 20% of funds allocated to each of the 64 parishes' sheriffs. Opioid settlement funds are managed by the Attorney General and local governments through the Opioid Abatement Task Force and the Opioid Abatement Administration Corporation.

As of May 2026, the balance of opioid settlement funds is currently at \$77 M. To the extent that Sheriffs are not able to access opioid settlement funds to implement the proposed law, implementation of the proposed law will be subject to an appropriation by the legislature.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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