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sHB-7395

AN ACT CONCERNING OPIOID ABUSE AND TREATMENT.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 20 \$	FY 21 \$
Correction, Dept.	GF - Cost	2,191,879	2,238,934
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	352,399	371,780

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Correction (DOC) to establish a medication-assisted treatment (MAT) program for inmates with opioid use disorder and to provide counseling to these inmates and results in a cost to the state. In order to provide the counseling and the MAT program the DOC would have to hire 13 employees (10 counselors, one counselor supervisor, and two MAT program coordinators) for a salary and fringe benefit cost of \$1.2 million in FY 20 and \$1.3 million in FY 21. Approximately 1,400 inmates would qualify for treatment and counselling.

The bill also requires the MAT program to be available at five facilities in the first year and available to 30% of the population in the second year, resulting in a \$1.3 million cost in FY 20 and 21. The cost of treatment is estimated at \$100 per week for each inmate with opioid use disorder.

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.19% of payroll in FY 20 and FY 21.

The Out Years**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Correction, Dept.	GF - Cost	4,037,138	6,898,199	6,898,199
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits	GF - Cost	371,780	371,780	371,780

Note: GF=General Fund

In FY 22 the MAT program increases to cover 60% of the population for a cost of \$3.1 million and in FY 23 increases to 100% of the population for a cost of \$6.0 million. The figures also include the salary and fringe benefits associated with administering the program.

Municipal Impact: None