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## OLR Bill Analysis

### sSB 458

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INCARCERATED.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Correction (DOC) commissioner to annually review, evaluate, and make recommendations on (1) substance use disorder and mental health screening, diagnostic, and treatment services available to individuals who are incarcerated, throughout their entire incarceration and (2) reintegrating these individuals into the community. In doing so, the commissioner must consult with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the judicial branch.

The bill requires the DOC commissioner, starting by January 1, 2023, to annually report on this review to the Judiciary, Public Health, and Appropriations committees.

It also repeals an obsolete reporting provision.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Related Bill***

sSB 448 (File 452), reported favorably by the Public Health Committee, sets various requirements related to health care for people who are incarcerated, such as requiring the DOC commissioner to ensure that there are enough licensed mental health care providers at correctional institutions (including at least four per institution with experience in substance use disorder diagnosis and treatment).

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 37 Nay 0 (03/31/2022)