

5417-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections
(originally sponsored by Senators Patterson, Long, Hargrove,
Stevens, Kline and Winsley)

Brief Description: Changing provisions relating to opiate
substitution treatment programs.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Revises provisions relating to opiate substitution treatment
programs.

Declares that opiate substitution treatment should only be
used for participants who are deemed appropriate to need this level
of intervention and should not be the first treatment intervention
for all opiate addicts.

Provides that, when making a decision on an application for
certification of a program, the department shall: (1) Consult with
the county legislative authorities in the area in which an
applicant proposes to locate a program and the city legislative
authority in any city in which an applicant proposes to locate a
program;

(2) Certify only programs that will be sited in accordance
with the appropriate county or city land use ordinances.

(3) Not discriminate in its certification decision on the
basis of the corporate structure of the applicant;

(4) Consider the size of the population in need of treatment
in the area in which the program would be located and certify only
applicants whose programs meet the necessary treatment needs of
that population;

(5) Demonstrate a need in the community for opiate
substitution treatment and not certify more program slots than
justified by the need in that community. No program shall exceed
three hundred fifty participants unless specifically authorized by
the county in which the program is certified;

(6) Consider whether the applicant has, or has demonstrated in
the past, the capability to provide the appropriate services to
assist the persons who utilize the program in meeting goals
established by the legislature, including abstinence from opiates
and opiate substitutes, obtaining mental health treatment,
improving economic independence, and reducing adverse consequences
associated with illegal use of controlled substances. The
department shall prioritize certification to applicants who have
demonstrated such capability;

(7) Hold at least one public hearing in the county in which
the facility is proposed to be located and one hearing in the area
in which the facility is proposed to be located.

Requires that, before January 1st of each year, the secretary
shall submit a report to the legislature and governor. The report
shall include the number of persons enrolled in each treatment
program during the period covered by the report, the number of
persons who leave each treatment program voluntarily and

involuntarily, and an outcome analysis of each treatment program.