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By Senator Siplin

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to substance abuse treatment
3	programs; amending s. 397.754, F.S.; requiring
4	the Department of Corrections to assess the
5	needs of all inmates for substance abuse
6	services; requiring the department to provide
7	inmates with individualized services; requiring
8	the department to provide training to all
9	employees providing substance abuse treatment
10	services to inmates; amending s. 775.16, F.S.;
11	requiring a person under the supervision of the
12	department to participate in and complete a
13	substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation
14	program in order to be eligible for employment
15	by any agency of the state or to apply for a
16	license, permit, or certificate required by any
17	agency of the state to practice an occupation,
18	trade, profession, or business; amending s.
19	944.473, F.S.; requiring each inmate who meets
20	the criteria to participate in a substance
21	abuse treatment program; providing that an
22	inmate has a right to receive substance abuse
23	services from the department; providing an
24	effective date.
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26	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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28	Section 1. Section 397.754, Florida Statutes, is
29	amended to read:
30	397.754 Duties and responsibilities of the Department
31	of CorrectionsThe Department of Corrections shall:
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1 (1) To the fullest extent possible Provide all inmates 2 upon arrival at a Department of Corrections reception center for initial processing with an assessment of substance abuse 3 service needs. 4 5 (2) Provide inmates who are admitted to inmate б substance abuse services with an individualized treatment plan 7 which is developed on the basis of assessed need for services 8 and which includes measurable goals and specifies the types of 9 services needed to meet those goals. (3) To the fullest extent possible Provide inmates 10 with individualized services. 11 12 (4) Develop and maintain systematic methods of 13 research, evaluation, and monitoring of the appropriateness and quality of substance abuse programs. 14 (5) Provide inmates who have participated in substance 15 abuse programs within 1 month of the date of their final 16 17 release from the correctional facility in which they are 18 incarcerated with information regarding options for continuing substance abuse services in the community and with referrals 19 for such services as appropriate or upon the inmate's request. 20 21 (6) In cooperation with other agencies, actively seek 22 to enhance resources for the provision of treatment services 23 for inmates and to develop partnerships with other state agencies, including but not limited to the Departments of 2.4 Children and Family Services, Education, Community Affairs, 25 and Law Enforcement. 26 27 (7) To the extent of available funding, Provide 2.8 training to employees whose duties involve providing the 29 provision of inmate substance abuse services. 30 (8) The department shall by rule set forth procedures with respect to individual dignity, nondiscriminatory 31 2

1 services, quality services, communication for inmates who 2 receive treatment for substance abuse, and confidentiality requirements in accordance with federal law. 3 Section 2. Section 775.16, Florida Statutes, is 4 amended to read: 5 б 775.16 Drug offenses; additional penalties.--In 7 addition to any other penalty provided by law, a person who has been convicted of sale of or trafficking in, or conspiracy 8 to sell or traffic in, a controlled substance under chapter 9 893, if the such offense is a felony, or who has been 10 convicted of an offense under the laws of any state or country 11 12 which, if committed in this state, would constitute the felony 13 of selling or trafficking in, or conspiracy to sell or traffic in, a controlled substance under chapter 893, is: 14 (1) Disqualified from applying for employment by any 15 16 agency of the state, unless: 17 (a) The person has completed all sentences of 18 imprisonment or supervisory sanctions imposed by the court, by the Parole Commission, or by law; or 19 (b) The person has complied with the conditions of 20 21 subparagraphs 1. and 2. which shall be monitored by the 22 Department of Corrections while the person is under any 23 supervisory sanctions. The person under supervision must may: 1. Seek evaluation and enrollment in, and once 2.4 25 enrolled maintain enrollment in until completion, a drug treatment and rehabilitation program that which is approved by 26 27 the Department of Children and Family Services, unless it is 2.8 deemed by the program that the person does not have a substance abuse problem. The treatment and rehabilitation 29 30 program may be specified by: 31

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1 a. The court, in the case of court-ordered supervisory 2 sanctions; 3 b. The Parole Commission, in the case of parole, control release, or conditional release; or 4 5 c. The Department of Corrections, in the case of б imprisonment or any other supervision required by law. 7 2. Submit to periodic urine drug testing <u>under</u> 8 pursuant to procedures prescribed by the Department of Corrections. If the person is indigent, the costs shall be 9 paid by the Department of Corrections. 10 (2) Disqualified from applying for a license, permit, 11 12 or certificate required by any agency of the state to 13 practice, pursue, or engage in any occupation, trade, vocation, profession, or business, unless: 14 (a) The person has completed all sentences of 15 imprisonment or supervisory sanctions imposed by the court, by 16 17 the Parole Commission, or by law; (b) The person has complied with the conditions of 18 subparagraphs 1. and 2. which shall be monitored by the 19 Department of Corrections while the person is under any 20 21 supervisory sanction. If the person fails to comply with 22 provisions of these subparagraphs by either failing to 23 maintain treatment or by testing positive for drug use, the department shall notify the licensing, permitting, or 2.4 certifying agency, which may refuse to reissue or reinstate 25 the such license, permit, or certification. The licensee, 26 27 permittee, or certificateholder under supervision must may: 28 1. Seek evaluation and enrollment in, and once enrolled maintain enrollment in until completion, a drug 29 treatment and rehabilitation program which is approved or 30 regulated by the Department of Children and Family Services, 31

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1 unless it is deemed by the program that the person does not have a substance abuse problem. The treatment and 2 3 rehabilitation program may be specified by: a. The court, in the case of court-ordered supervisory 4 sanctions; 5 б b. The Parole Commission, in the case of parole, 7 control release, or conditional release; or 8 c. The Department of Corrections, in the case of imprisonment or any other supervision required by law. 9 10 2. Submit to periodic urine drug testing under pursuant to procedures prescribed by the Department of 11 12 Corrections. If the person is indigent, the costs shall be 13 paid by the Department of Corrections; or 14 (c) The person has successfully completed an appropriate program under the Correctional Education Program. 15 16 17 The provisions of this section do not apply to any of the 18 taxes, fees, or permits regulated, controlled, or administered by the Department of Revenue in accordance with the provisions 19 of s. 213.05. 20 21 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 944.473, Florida 22 Statutes, is amended to read: 23 944.473 Inmate substance abuse testing program.--(2) SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAMS. --2.4 (a) An inmate who meets the criteria established by 25 the department shall participate in substance abuse program 26 27 services when such services are available. A right to 2.8 substance abuse program services is explicitly not stated, intended, or otherwise implied by this chapter. 29 30 (b) Upon arrival at a department's reception center for initial processing, each inmate shall be screened and 31

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    criteria for mandated participation in a substance-abuse
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   program. Criteria for mandated substance abuse program
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    services shall be based on:
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           1. The presence of a diagnosed psychoactive substance
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   dependence or use disorder;
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           2. The severity of the addiction;
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           3. A history of criminal behavior related to substance
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    abuse;
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           4. A recommendation by a sentencing authority for
    substance abuse program services;
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           5. Unsuccessful participation in community-based
    substance abuse services;
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           6. Sentencing by a drug court or drug division; and
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           7. Other classification or program criteria that the
    department finds will ensure security and optimal program
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   placement.
           (c) When selecting contract providers to administer
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    substance abuse treatment programs, the department shall make
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    every effort to consider qualified faith-based service groups
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    on an equal basis with other private organizations.
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           Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.
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2	SENATE SUMMARY
3	Requires the Department of Corrections to assess all
4	inmates for substance abuse needs. Requires the department to provide inmates with individualized
5	services for their substance abuse needs. Requires the department to provide training to all employees providing substance abuse services to inmates. Requires a person
6	under the supervision of the department to participate in and complete a substance abuse treatment and
7	rehabilitation program to be eligible for employment by any agency of the state or to be eligible to apply for a
8	license, permit, or certificate required by any agency of the state to participate in any occupation, trade,
9	profession, or business. Requires each inmate who meets the criteria to participate in a substance abuse
10	treatment program. Provides that an inmate has a right to receive substance abuse services from the department.
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