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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to drug-free corrections;
amending s. 944.4731, F.S., relating to the
Addiction-Recovery Supervision Program;
requiring that the Department of Corrections
provide a supply of medication for each
offender released under such a program;
deleting provisions limiting the right to such
a program; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) and
paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section 944.4731, Florida
Statutes, are amended to read:

944.4731 Addiction-Recovery Supervision Program.--

(3)(a) Each fiscal year, and contingent upon funding,
the department shall enter into contracts with multiple
providers who are private organizations, including faith-based
service groups, to operate substance abuse transition housing
programs, including providers that:

- 1. Provide postrelease housing, programming,
treatment, and other transitional services;
- 2. Emphasize job placement and gainful employment for
program participants;
- 3. Provide a curriculum related to substance abuse
treatment which uses a cognitive behavior model or 12-step
model of addiction recovery;
- 4. Provide for a length of stay of not more than 12
months; and

1 5. Use community volunteers in operating the program
2 to the greatest extent possible.

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4 The department shall provide a 12-month supply of medication
5 for each offender released to a substance abuse transition
6 housing program.

7 (6) Six months before an offender is released, the
8 chaplain and transition assistance specialist at the
9 institution where the offender is incarcerated shall initiate
10 the prerelease screening process in addition to the basic
11 release orientation required under s. 944.705.

12 (a) The transition assistance specialist and the
13 chaplain shall provide a list of contracted private providers,
14 including faith-based providers, to the offender and
15 facilitate the application process. The transition assistance
16 specialist shall inform the offender of program availability
17 and assess the offender's need and suitability for substance
18 abuse transition housing assistance. If an offender is
19 approved for placement, the specialist shall assist the
20 offender and coordinate the release of the offender with the
21 selected program. If an offender requests and is approved for
22 placement in a contracted faith-based substance abuse
23 transition housing program, the specialist must consult with
24 the chaplain prior to such placement. ~~A right to substance~~
25 ~~abuse program services is not stated, intended, or otherwise~~
26 ~~implied by this section.~~

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.
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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires that the Department of Corrections provide a 12-month supply of medication for each offender released to an addiction-recovery supervision program.