



# Item 5225-001-0001, Item 5225-002-0001, and Item 5225-008-0001 Integrated Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program

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## ► **Senate Plan**

- Establishes an ongoing Integrated Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program (ISUDTP) at all 35 prisons, as proposed by the Governor. The program's goals are to treat substance use disorder as a chronic illness, reduce fatalities associated with it, and improve the rehabilitative environment in prisons.
- Provides ongoing General Fund support for the program—\$71.3 million in 2019-20 (increasing to \$165.8 million annually by 2021-22).

## ► **Assembly Plan**

- Establishes a three-year ISUDTP pilot at three facilities with existing medication assisted treatment pilots and four additional facilities with the highest overdose rates—rather than an ongoing program at all prisons, as approved by the Senate.
- Provides General Fund support over a three-year period—\$16 million in 2019-20 and \$48 million in 2020-21 and 2021-22.
- Includes a drug interdiction program at one of the above seven facilities.
- Allows the administration to augment the amount provided by up to 20 percent with prior notification to the Legislature.
- Requires reports on the program's implementation and an independent evaluation.



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### ► **LAO Recommendation: Approve Assembly Plan**

- The Assembly plan would allow the Legislature to assess the effectiveness of the program and determine whether it should be implemented statewide. This is particularly important given that ISUDTP is an untested program and requires extensive coordination with community providers outside of the department's control.
- The Assembly plan would also allow the department to collect data to better determine the costs and resources necessary to expand the program to other facilities. For example, it is possible that infrastructure would be necessary or that the estimated demand for treatment—which is based on limited information—does not reflect the inmate population.