

February 18, 2005

Madam President:

Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

1. On page 1, line 18, after "program" insert "for inmates with a history of opiate dependence".
2. On page 1, line 23, after the period insert "Priority shall be given to inmates approaching release into communities with operational methadone clinics."
3. On page 2, line 5, after the period insert "The criteria shall be consistent with existing department of health guidelines."
4. On page 2, line 7, strike "and buprenorphine".
5. On page 2, between lines 8 and 9, insert the following new subsection:

"E. The corrections department, in conjunction with the epidemiology and response division of the department of health, shall collect the following outcomes data:

- (1) recidivism of methadone-treated inmates versus counseling-only treated inmates;
- (2) positive urine drug screens among methadone-treated parolees versus counseling-only treated parolees, as followed by the adult probation and parole division of the corrections department;
- (3) the rates of newly acquired hepatitis B, hepatitis C, human immunodeficiency virus and methacillin-resistant

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staphylococcus aureus as a result of sharing needles during injection drug use, in methadone-treated inmates versus counseling-only treated inmates; and

(4) the rate of reduced disciplinary infractions while incarcerated of methadone-treated inmates versus counseling-only treated inmates. ". ,

and thence referred to the FINANCE COMMI TTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

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Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date \_\_\_\_\_

The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

No: 0

Excused: Ingle, Taylor

Absent: None

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