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**H 1026. EXPAND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY TREATMENT BEDS.** Filed 4/2/09. *TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION FOR EXPANSION OF MALE CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY TREATMENT BEDS.*

Appropriates \$1,911,596 for 2009-10 and \$2,548,795 for 2010-11 from the General Fund to the Department of Correction (DOC) to maximize capacity and provide contractual intensive drug and alcohol rehabilitation treatment to male inmates who have been diagnosed as needing such treatment through the assessment tools used by DOC. Provides that it is expected that the appropriation will reduce the need for the construction of additional minimum custody beds through full use of contractual drug and alcohol treatment bed space currently available. Also requires that the appropriation be used to provide a skills component and a work release component, to improve inmates' educational level, and to provide a family component that improves parenting skills. Requires inmates assigned to such treatment to begin the treatment during their last 18 months to two years of incarceration. Requires the Secretary of Correction to review existing procedures, and modify procedures as necessary, to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of treatment to inmates and the level and quality of intensive treatment provided, the rate of recidivism, the inmates' efforts and success in improving their educational level and skills training, and income earned during their last 12-18 months. Requires a report by May 1, 2010, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees on Justice and Public Safety, the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations, and the Fiscal Research Division. Provides that the act is not to be construed to affect existing contracts with providers of drug and alcohol rehabilitation to inmates. Effective July 1, 2009.

**Intro. by Sutton, Yongue.**

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