



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1304 to establish the California Medically Assisted Treatment Re-Entry Incentive Program, which will make parolees, with specified exemptions, eligible for a reduction in the period of parole if they successfully participate in a substance abuse treatment program.

The implementation of this bill is contingent on appropriation to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) of funds received from a potential future federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant. Because the upcoming State Opioid Response 2 grant funding is already obligated, the appropriation of funds for this program will need to come from a future grant and would be subject to federal approval and grant-specific requirements. In addition, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation would be required to report all necessary information to the DHCS to maintain grant compliance.

It is vital that California continue to be a leader in establishing programs and policies that help combat the opioid epidemic and provide thoughtful rehabilitative care to those transitioning out of the criminal justice system and back into the community. For this reason, I am signing AB 1304.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom

