

JUSTICE

Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Program
[LFB Paper #406]
Substitute Alternative

Motion:

Move to adopt Alternative 3 related to the treatment alternatives and diversion (TAD) grant program and the drug court grant program (-\$2,150,000 GPR annually).

Instead, provide \$250,000 GPR annually for the TAD program during the 2017-19 biennium only. In addition, require that the additional funds appropriated under this motion be utilized to support TAD grants to counties that do not currently receive a grant under the TAD program.

Require the Department of Justice to lapse \$500,000 in 2017-18 to the general fund from its gifts, grants, and proceeds PR continuing appropriation [s. 20.455(3)(g)] from settlement funds received by the Department that are not committed for a specific purpose under terms of the settlement.

Note:

This motion deletes the Governor's recommendations under the bill to provide \$2,000,000 GPR annually during the 2017-19 biennium only for the TAD program and \$150,000 GPR annually during the 2017-19 biennium only for the county drug court grant program. A separate bill (Special Session AB 2) has been passed by the Assembly and the Senate that would provide similar funding.

Instead, this motion provides \$250,000 GPR annually for the TAD program during the 2017-19 biennium only. Since funding is provided during the 2017-19 biennium only, the funding will not be included in DOJ's base budget for the 2019-21 biennium. This motion also requires that the funding appropriated under this motion be utilized to support TAD grant to counties that do not currently receive a grant under the TAD program.

Finally, this motion requires that the Department of Justice lapse \$500,000 in 2017-18 to the general fund from unrestricted Attorney General discretionary settlement revenues. The Department receives these funds in its gifts, grants, and proceeds continuing PR appropriation. Based on information provided by DOJ as of March 13, 2017, it is estimated that DOJ will end 2016-17 with a balance of \$8,419,400 of unrestricted Attorney General discretionary settlement funds.

[Change to Base: \$500,000 GPR (DOJ), \$500,000 (GPR-Revenue)]

[Change to Bill: -\$3,800,000 GPR (DOJ), \$500,000 (GPR-Revenue)]