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### **GPR Funding and Positions for MICA Program at Oshkosh Correctional Institution (Corrections -- Adult Institutions)**

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#### **CURRENT LAW**

The Department of Corrections operates the Mental Illness Chemical Abuse (MICA) treatment program at the Oshkosh Correctional Institution. In 2007-08, the Department expended \$418,000 GPR on the MICA program.

#### **GOVERNOR**

Provide \$381,400 GPR in 2009-10 and \$508,700 GPR in 2010-11 and 6.5 GPR positions annually, and delete PR funding and PR positions in corresponding amounts, to replace grant-funded positions for the MICA program at Oshkosh Correctional Institution.

#### **DISCUSSION POINTS**

1. The MICA program is a 25-bed, nine- to 12-month residential dual diagnosis substance abuse program at the Oshkosh Correctional Institution. According to a departmental report on Corrections' substance abuse programs:

"MICA is a modified therapeutic community designed to serve offenders who have both mental health and substance abuse problems. A high degree of structure is employed in this 9-12 month program that teaches offenders to improve their management of both these disorders. Extensive planning is also done to link these offenders with appropriate community resources and support prior to their release from prison."

2. Assembly Bill 75 would provide \$381,400 GPR in 2009-10 and \$508,700 GPR in 2010-11 and 6.5 GPR positions annually for the MICA program, and delete corresponding PR funding and positions to replace federal Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) funding, which the Department no longer receives. The positions include: 1.0 correctional sergeant, 1.0

nurse clinician, 1.0 psychological associate, 1.0 social worker, 2.0 treatment specialists, and 0.5 office operations associate.

3. Historically, the MICA program was supported with RSAT grant monies, received as program revenue funding from the Department of Administration's Office of Justice Assistance. However, Corrections has not received RSAT funding for the MICA program since 2006, and has, instead, been utilizing existing GPR resources to fund the program.

4. While providing additional GPR to support MICA would allow the Department to utilize its existing resources for other institutional programming for inmates, considering the state's current fiscal situation, the Committee may wish to delete the additional GPR funding, but retain the provision deleting the PR monies, since the Department no longer receives grant funding. As a result, the Department would continue to fund the program through existing resources. [Alternative 3]

5. Alternatively, in order to continue to provide institutional mental health and substance abuse programming but with fiscal constraints, the Committee could provide funding and positions, but at a lesser level. If the Committee were to provide GPR funding to support 3.25 GPR positions for the program, the bill could be modified by -\$191,200 GPR in 2009-10 and -\$255,100 GPR in 2010-11 and -3.25 GPR positions. [Alternative 2]

## ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve the Governor's recommendation to provide \$381,400 GPR in 2009-10 and \$508,700 GPR in 2010-11 and 6.5 GPR positions annually and to delete corresponding PR funding and positions to replace grant funding for the MICA program at the Oshkosh Correctional Institution.

2. Modify the Governor's recommendation to instead provide \$190,200 GPR in 2009-10 and \$253,600 GPR in 2010-11 and 3.25 positions annually to support the MICA program at the Oshkosh Correctional Institution.

ALT 2	Change to Bill	
	Funding	Positions
GPR	-\$446,300	- 3.25

3. Delete the GPR funding and positions in the bill. [Under this alternative, the deletion of the PR funding and staffing would remain in the bill, since the Department no longer receives grant funding for the program.]

ALT 3	Change to Bill	
	Funding	Positions
GPR	-\$890,100	- 6.50

4. Delete provision.

ALT 4	Change to Bill	
	Funding	Positions
GPR	- \$890,100	- 6.50
PR	<u>890,100</u>	<u>6.50</u>
Total	\$0	0.00

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