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Initiative No. 07-0070

The Attorney General of California has prepared the following title and summary of the chief purpose and points of the proposed measure:

INMATES. REHABILITATION AND VISITATION PROGRAMS. STATUTE. Eliminates certain restrictions on prisoners' participation in educational and substance dependency classes and family visitation programs. Prohibits exclusion based on sentence, custody designation, prior crimes or disciplinary offenses and commitment offenses. Provides that inmates condemned to die are not eligible for family visitation program. Allows family visitation privileges only to inmates who: (1) are not residing in reception centers or administrative segregation/security housing units; (2) are competent to and have obtained a high school diploma or equivalent; (3) agree to random drug testing; (4) pay \$25 toward cost of a visit. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: Annual state prison operating costs that would range between several tens of millions and a few hundreds of millions of dollars annually, primarily to expand inmate educational and substance abuse programs. These costs could be more than offset by state savings due to reductions in the prison population resulting from expanding these programs. One-time capital outlay costs of between several tens of millions and several hundreds of millions of dollars to construct and renovate prison visiting, education, and substance abuse treatment facilities. (Initiative 07-0070.)