

AB4 - 2025 Special Session

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What is AB4?

- Broad public safety & criminal justice reform bill
- Expands penalties for violent and repeat offenses
- Creates new offenses and enforcement tools
- Updates juvenile justice, pretrial and corrections systems

Why It Matters for SNOAC

- Not a substance use bill—but impacts SUD systems
- Integrates substance use into public safety infrastructure
- Influences:
 - Treatment access
 - Justice system pathways
 - Workforce training
 - DUI enforcement

MAT in Corrections

- Requires coordination with Department of Human Services
- Supports Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) for OUD
- Applies to correctional treatment programs

Statewide Planning & Training

- Behavioral health needs assessment must include:
 - Law enforcement & justice system training
 - Trauma-informed care
 - MAT for opioid use disorder

Peer Recovery Support

- Expands access to information on peer recovery services

DUI & Substance-Impaired Driving

- Expands DUI-related laws and penalties
- Includes marijuana impairment thresholds
- Increases penalties for DUI-related deaths

Specialty Courts & Diversion

- Modifies specialty court programs (including drug courts)
- Adjusts record sealing tied to treatment completion

Key Takeaways

- Expands access to MAT in corrections
- Embeds substance use into state planning and workforce training
- Supports peer recovery services
- Strengthens DUI enforcement and penalties
- Impacts diversion, specialty courts and justice pathways