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**Item 4440-011-0001—Department of Mental Health**  
**Mental Health Staffing Study**  
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**California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation**

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**LAO Compromise**

- Authorize 405 new positions for CDCR funded with salary savings and reclassify existing positions, as approved by the Senate, in order to complete the staffing study required by the Coleman court and the Legislature.
- Establish three new positions proposed by the Senate for the Department of Mental Health (DMH), funded with CDCR salary savings, to assist in the operation of additional acute care mental health facilities within CDCR institutions. We further recommend establishing these positions on a one-year limited-term basis to reflect the one-time nature of the work.
- Approve supplemental report language below requiring DMH to report on the advisability for the department to operate additional acute care facilities within CDCR institutions, including an analysis of the costs involved and the staff required:

By January 10, 2009 the Department of Mental Health (DMH), in consultation with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and the California Prison Receivership, shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the chairs of the fiscal committees of both houses on the advisability of DMH operating additional acute care mental health facilities within CDCR institutions. The report shall assess feasibility and the costs involved, as well as the staff required, and it shall compare these functions to the costs and staff required for CDCR to operate the same facilities. In addition to costs and staffing, the report shall also identify any significant operational advantages or disadvantages to having DMH operate these facilities.