

2 **SHB 1765** - S COMM AMD  
3 By Committee on Ways & Means

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of corrections and the  
8 University of Washington may enter into a collaborative arrangement to  
9 provide improved services for mentally ill offenders with a focus on  
10 prevention, treatment, and reintegration into society. The  
11 participants in the collaborative arrangement may develop a strategic  
12 plan within sixty days after the effective date of this act to address  
13 the management of mentally ill offenders within the correctional  
14 system, facilitating their reentry into the community and the mental  
15 health system, and preventing the inappropriate incarceration of  
16 mentally ill individuals. The collaborative arrangement may also  
17 specify the establishment and maintenance of a corrections mental  
18 health center located at McNeil Island corrections center. The  
19 collaborative arrangement shall require that an advisory panel of key  
20 stakeholders be established and consulted throughout the development  
21 and implementation of the center. The stakeholders advisory panel  
22 shall include a broad array of interest groups drawn from  
23 representatives of mental health, criminal justice, and correctional  
24 systems. The stakeholders advisory panel shall include, but is not  
25 limited to, membership from: The department of corrections, the  
26 department of social and health services mental health division and  
27 division of juvenile rehabilitation, regional support networks, local  
28 and regional law enforcement agencies, the sentencing guidelines  
29 commission, county and city jails, mental health advocacy groups for  
30 the mentally ill, developmentally disabled, and traumatically brain-  
31 injured, and the general public. The center established by the  
32 department of corrections and University of Washington, in consultation  
33 with the stakeholder advisory groups, shall have the authority to:

34 (a) Develop new and innovative treatment approaches for corrections  
35 mental health clients;

- 1 (b) Improve the quality of mental health services within the  
2 department and throughout the corrections system;
- 3 (c) Facilitate mental health staff recruitment and training to meet  
4 departmental, county, and municipal needs;
- 5 (d) Expand research activities within the department in the area of  
6 treatment services, the design of delivery systems, the development of  
7 organizational models, and training for corrections mental health care  
8 professionals;
- 9 (e) Improve the work environment for correctional employees by  
10 developing the skills, knowledge, and understanding of how to work with  
11 offenders with special chronic mental health challenges;
- 12 (f) Establish a more positive rehabilitative environment for  
13 offenders;
- 14 (g) Strengthen multidisciplinary mental health collaboration  
15 between the University of Washington, other groups committed to the  
16 intent of this section, and the department of corrections;
- 17 (h) Strengthen department linkages between institutions of higher  
18 education, public sector mental health systems, and county and  
19 municipal corrections;
- 20 (i) Assist in the continued formulation of corrections mental  
21 health policies;
- 22 (j) Develop innovative and effective recruitment and training  
23 programs for correctional personnel working with mentally ill  
24 offenders;
- 25 (k) Assist in the development of a coordinated continuum of mental  
26 health care capable of providing services from corrections entry to  
27 community return; and
- 28 (l) Evaluate all current and innovative approaches developed within  
29 this center in terms of their effective and efficient achievement of  
30 improved mental health of inmates, development and utilization of  
31 personnel, the impact of these approaches on the functioning of  
32 correctional institutions, and the relationship of the corrections  
33 system to mental health and criminal justice systems. Specific  
34 attention should be paid to evaluating the effects of programs on the  
35 reintegration of mentally ill offenders into the community and the  
36 prevention of inappropriate incarceration of mentally ill persons.
- 37 (2) The corrections mental health center may conduct research,  
38 training, and treatment activities for the mentally ill offender within  
39 selected sites operated by the department. The department shall

1 provide support services for the center such as food services,  
2 maintenance, perimeter security, classification, offender supervision,  
3 and living unit functions. The University of Washington may develop,  
4 implement, and evaluate the clinical, treatment, research, and  
5 evaluation components of the mentally ill offender center. The  
6 institute of public policy and management may be consulted regarding  
7 the development of the center and in the recommendations regarding  
8 public policy. As resources permit, training within the center shall  
9 be available to state, county, and municipal agencies requiring the  
10 services. Other state colleges, state universities, and mental health  
11 providers may be involved in activities as required on a subcontract  
12 basis. Community mental health organizations, research groups, and  
13 community advocacy groups may be critical components of the center's  
14 operations and involved as appropriate to annual objectives. Mentally  
15 ill clients may be drawn from throughout the department's population  
16 and transferred to the center as clinical need, available services, and  
17 department jurisdiction permits.

18 (3) The department shall prepare a report of the center's progress  
19 toward the attainment of stated goals and provide the report to the  
20 legislature annually.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
22 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
23 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
24 effect immediately."

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28 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "Washington;" strike the  
29 remainder of the title and insert "creating a new section; and  
30 declaring an emergency."

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