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SECOND SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6358

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1            AN ACT Relating to improved collaboration regarding offenders with  
2 treatment orders; amending RCW 71.05.040, 71.05.445, 72.09.585,  
3 71.34.225, and 70.02.030; reenacting and amending RCW 71.05.390; adding  
4 a new section to chapter 10.77 RCW; adding new sections to chapter  
5 9.94A RCW; adding a new section to chapter 9.95 RCW; adding new  
6 sections to chapter 71.05 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 70.96A  
7 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 70.48 RCW; adding a new section to  
8 chapter 72.09 RCW; creating new sections; providing an effective date;  
9 and declaring an emergency.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

11            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    The legislature makes the following  
12 findings:

13            (1) In some cases, there is confusion over whether the cause of a  
14 person's mental disorder can make that person ineligible for  
15 involuntary treatment;

16            (2) Some offenders under supervision in the community are  
17 concurrently subject to court-ordered mental health or chemical  
18 dependency treatment;

1 (3) Some offenders under supervision in the community are subject  
2 to department of corrections-ordered mental health or substance abuse  
3 treatment;

4 (4) The department of corrections frequently does not know that an  
5 offender is subject to court-ordered treatment;

6 (5) Treatment providers frequently do not know that a client is  
7 subject to department of corrections supervision;

8 (6) There is confusion about the extent to which information about  
9 an offender subject to both treatment orders and supervision by the  
10 department of corrections may be shared;

11 (7) When information is not shared, the lack of information creates  
12 gaps in enforcement both of the court order and the offender's  
13 conditions of supervision; and

14 (8) When there are gaps in enforcement, there is an increased risk  
15 to public safety.

16 Consequently, the legislature intends to clarify the standards for  
17 commitment and improve the coordination between the department of  
18 corrections and mental health and chemical dependency treatment  
19 providers to enhance public safety by improving compliance with  
20 treatment and supervision orders and by providing both treatment  
21 providers and the department of corrections with more current, complete  
22 information about the offender's status.

23 **Sec. 2.** RCW 71.05.040 and 1997 c 112 s 4 are each amended to read  
24 as follows:

25 Persons who are developmentally disabled, impaired by chronic  
26 alcoholism or drug abuse, or suffering from dementia shall not be  
27 detained for evaluation and treatment or judicially committed solely by  
28 reason of that condition unless such condition causes a person to be  
29 gravely disabled or as a result of a mental disorder such condition  
30 exists that constitutes a likelihood of serious harm: Provided  
31 however, That persons who are developmentally disabled, impaired by  
32 chronic alcoholism or drug abuse, or suffering from dementia and who  
33 otherwise meet the criteria for detention or judicial commitment are  
34 not ineligible for detention or commitment based on this condition  
35 alone.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 10.77 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        When a county designated mental health professional or a  
4 professional person has determined that a person has a mental disorder,  
5 and is otherwise committable, the cause of the person's mental disorder  
6 shall not make the person ineligible for commitment under chapter 71.05  
7 RCW.

8        **Sec. 4.**    RCW 71.05.445 and 2002 c 39 s 2 are each amended to read  
9 as follows:

10        (1) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this  
11 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

12        (a) "Information related to mental health services" means all  
13 information and records compiled, obtained, or maintained in the course  
14 of providing services to either voluntary or involuntary recipients of  
15 services by a mental health service provider. This may include  
16 documents of legal proceedings under this chapter or chapter 71.34 or  
17 10.77 RCW, or somatic health care information.

18        (b) "Mental health service provider" means a public or private  
19 agency that provides services to persons with mental disorders as  
20 defined under RCW 71.05.020 and receives funding from public sources.  
21 This includes evaluation and treatment facilities as defined in RCW  
22 71.05.020, community mental health service delivery systems, or  
23 community mental health programs as defined in RCW 71.24.025, and  
24 facilities conducting competency evaluations and restoration under  
25 chapter 10.77 RCW.

26        (2)(a) Information related to mental health services delivered to  
27 a person subject to chapter 9.94A or 9.95 RCW shall be released, upon  
28 request, by a mental health service provider to department of  
29 corrections personnel for whom the information is necessary to carry  
30 out the responsibilities of their office. The information must be  
31 provided only for the purposes of completing presentence investigations  
32 or risk assessment reports, supervision of an incarcerated (~~(person)~~)  
33 offender or offender under supervision in the community, planning for  
34 and provision of supervision of (~~(a person)~~) an offender, or assessment  
35 of (~~(a person's)~~) an offender's risk to the community. The request  
36 shall be in writing and shall not require the consent of the subject of  
37 the records.

1       (b) If an offender subject to chapter 9.94A or 9.95 RCW has failed  
2 to report for department of corrections supervision or in the event of  
3 an emergent situation that poses a significant risk to the public or  
4 the offender, information related to mental health services delivered  
5 to the offender and information regarding where the offender is likely  
6 to be found shall be released by the mental health services provider to  
7 the department of corrections upon request. The initial request may be  
8 written or oral. All oral requests must be subsequently confirmed in  
9 writing. Information released in response to an oral request is  
10 limited to a statement as to whether the offender is or is not being  
11 treated by the mental health services provider and the address or  
12 information about the location or whereabouts of the offender.  
13 Information released in response to a written request may include  
14 information identified by rule as provided in subsections (4) and (5)  
15 of this section. For purposes of this subsection a written request  
16 includes requests made by e-mail or facsimile so long as the requesting  
17 person at the department of corrections is clearly identified. The  
18 request must specify the information being requested. Disclosure of  
19 the information requested does not require the consent of the subject  
20 of the records unless the offender has received relief from disclosure  
21 under section 11, 12, or 13 of this act.

22       (3)(a) When a mental health service provider conducts its initial  
23 assessment for a person receiving court-ordered treatment, the service  
24 provider shall inquire and shall be told by the offender whether he or  
25 she is subject to supervision by the department of corrections.

26       (b) When a person receiving court-ordered treatment or treatment  
27 ordered by the department of corrections discloses to his or her mental  
28 health service provider that he or she is subject to supervision by the  
29 department of corrections, the mental health services provider shall  
30 notify the department of corrections that he or she is treating the  
31 offender and shall notify the offender that his or her community  
32 corrections officer will be notified of the treatment, provided that if  
33 the offender has received relief from disclosure pursuant to section  
34 11, 12, or 13 of this act and the offender has provided the mental  
35 health services provider with a copy of the order granting the relief,  
36 the mental health services provider is not required to notify the  
37 department of corrections that the mental health services provider is  
38 treating the offender. The notification may be written or oral and

1 shall not require the consent of the offender. If an oral notification  
2 is made, it must be confirmed by a written notification. For purposes  
3 of this section, a written notification includes notification by e-mail  
4 or facsimile, so long as the notifying mental health service provider  
5 is clearly identified.

6 (4) The information to be released to the department of corrections  
7 shall include all relevant records and reports, as defined by rule,  
8 necessary for the department of corrections to carry out its duties,  
9 including those records and reports identified in subsection (2) of  
10 this section.

11 ((+4)) (5) The department and the department of corrections, in  
12 consultation with regional support networks, mental health service  
13 providers as defined in subsection (1) of this section, mental health  
14 consumers, and advocates for persons with mental illness, shall adopt  
15 rules to implement the provisions of this section related to the type  
16 and scope of information to be released. These rules shall:

17 (a) Enhance and facilitate the ability of the department of  
18 corrections to carry out its responsibility of planning and ensuring  
19 community protection with respect to persons subject to sentencing  
20 under chapter 9.94A or 9.95 RCW, including accessing and releasing or  
21 disclosing information of persons who received mental health services  
22 as a minor; and

23 (b) Establish requirements for the notification of persons under  
24 the supervision of the department of corrections regarding the  
25 provisions of this section.

26 ((+5)) (6) The information received by the department of  
27 corrections under this section shall remain confidential and subject to  
28 the limitations on disclosure outlined in chapter 71.05 RCW, except as  
29 provided in RCW 72.09.585.

30 ((+6)) (7) No mental health service provider or individual  
31 employed by a mental health service provider shall be held responsible  
32 for information released to or used by the department of corrections  
33 under the provisions of this section or rules adopted under this  
34 section except under RCW 71.05.670 and 71.05.440.

35 ((+7)) (8) Whenever federal law or federal regulations restrict  
36 the release of information contained in the treatment records of any  
37 patient who receives treatment for alcoholism or drug dependency, the

1 release of the information may be restricted as necessary to comply  
2 with federal law and regulations.

3 ~~((+8))~~ (9) This section does not modify the terms and conditions  
4 of disclosure of information related to sexually transmitted diseases  
5 under chapter 70.24 RCW.

6 (10) The department shall, subject to available resources,  
7 electronically, or by the most cost-effective means available, provide  
8 the department of corrections with the names, last dates of services,  
9 and addresses of specific regional support networks and mental health  
10 service providers that delivered mental health services to a person  
11 subject to chapter 9.94A or 9.95 RCW pursuant to an agreement between  
12 the departments.

13 **Sec. 5.** RCW 72.09.585 and 2000 c 75 s 4 are each amended to read  
14 as follows:

15 (1) When the department is determining an offender's risk  
16 management level, the department shall inquire of the offender and  
17 shall be told whether the offender is subject to court-ordered  
18 treatment for mental health services or chemical dependency services.  
19 The department shall request and the offender shall provide an  
20 authorization to release information form that meets applicable state  
21 and federal requirements and shall provide the offender with written  
22 notice that the department will request the offender's mental health  
23 and substance abuse treatment information. An offender's failure to  
24 inform the department of court-ordered treatment is a violation of the  
25 conditions of supervision if the offender is in the community and an  
26 infraction if the offender is in confinement, and the violation or  
27 infraction is subject to sanctions.

28 (2) When an offender discloses that he or she is subject to court-  
29 ordered mental health services or chemical dependency treatment, the  
30 department shall provide the mental health services provider or  
31 chemical dependency treatment provider with a written request for  
32 information and any necessary authorization to release information  
33 forms. The written request shall comply with rules adopted by the  
34 department of social and health services or protocols developed jointly  
35 by the department and the department of social and health services. A  
36 single request shall be valid for the duration of the offender's

1 supervision in the community. Disclosures of information related to  
2 mental health services made pursuant to a department request shall not  
3 require consent of the offender.

4 (3) The information received by the department under RCW 71.05.445  
5 or 71.34.225 may be released to the indeterminate sentence review board  
6 as relevant to carry out its responsibility of planning and ensuring  
7 community protection with respect to persons under its jurisdiction.  
8 Further disclosure by the indeterminate sentence review board is  
9 subject to the limitations set forth in subsections ~~((+3))~~ (5) and  
10 ~~((+4))~~ (6) of this section and must be consistent with the written  
11 policy of the indeterminate sentence review board. The decision to  
12 disclose or not shall not result in civil liability for the  
13 indeterminate sentence review board or its employees provided that the  
14 decision was reached in good faith and without gross negligence.

15 ~~((+2))~~ (4) The information received by the department under RCW  
16 71.05.445 or 71.34.225 may be used to meet the statutory duties of the  
17 department to provide evidence or report to the court. Disclosure to  
18 the public of information provided to the court by the department  
19 related to mental health services shall be limited in accordance with  
20 RCW 9.94A.500 or this section.

21 ~~((+3))~~ (5) The information received by the department under RCW  
22 71.05.445 or 71.34.225 may be disclosed by the department to other  
23 state and local agencies as relevant to plan for and provide offenders  
24 transition, treatment, and supervision services, or as relevant and  
25 necessary to protect the public and counteract the danger created by a  
26 particular offender, and in a manner consistent with the written policy  
27 established by the secretary. The decision to disclose or not shall  
28 not result in civil liability for the department or its employees so  
29 long as the decision was reached in good faith and without gross  
30 negligence. The information received by a state or local agency from  
31 the department shall remain confidential and subject to the limitations  
32 on disclosure set forth in chapters 70.02, 71.05, and 71.34 RCW and,  
33 subject to these limitations, may be released only as relevant and  
34 necessary to counteract the danger created by a particular offender.

35 ~~((+4))~~ (6) The information received by the department under RCW  
36 71.05.445 or 71.34.225 may be disclosed by the department to  
37 individuals only with respect to offenders who have been determined by  
38 the department to have a high risk of reoffending by a risk assessment,

1 as defined in RCW 9.94A.030, only as relevant and necessary for those  
2 individuals to take reasonable steps for the purpose of self-  
3 protection, or as provided in RCW 72.09.370(2). The information may  
4 not be disclosed for the purpose of engaging the public in a system of  
5 supervision, monitoring, and reporting offender behavior to the  
6 department. The department must limit the disclosure of information  
7 related to mental health services to the public to descriptions of an  
8 offender's behavior, risk he or she may present to the community, and  
9 need for mental health treatment, including medications, and shall not  
10 disclose or release to the public copies of treatment documents or  
11 records, except as otherwise provided by law. All disclosure of  
12 information to the public must be done in a manner consistent with the  
13 written policy established by the secretary. The decision to disclose  
14 or not shall not result in civil liability for the department or its  
15 employees so long as the decision was reached in good faith and without  
16 gross negligence. Nothing in this subsection prevents any person from  
17 reporting to law enforcement or the department behavior that he or she  
18 believes creates a public safety risk.

19 **Sec. 6.** RCW 71.05.390 and 2000 c 94 s 9, 2000 c 75 s 6, and 2000  
20 c 74 s 7 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

21 Except as provided in this section, the fact of admission and all  
22 information and records compiled, obtained, or maintained in the course  
23 of providing services to either voluntary or involuntary recipients of  
24 services at public or private agencies shall be confidential.

25 Information and records may be disclosed only:

26 (1) In communications between qualified professional persons to  
27 meet the requirements of this chapter, in the provision of services or  
28 appropriate referrals, or in the course of guardianship proceedings.  
29 The consent of the patient, or his or her guardian, shall be obtained  
30 before information or records may be disclosed by a professional person  
31 employed by a facility unless provided to a professional person:

- 32 (a) Employed by the facility;  
33 (b) Who has medical responsibility for the patient's care;  
34 (c) Who is a county designated mental health professional;  
35 (d) Who is providing services under chapter 71.24 RCW;  
36 (e) Who is employed by a state or local correctional facility where  
37 the person is confined or supervised; or



1 (f) Who is providing evaluation, treatment, or follow-up services  
2 under chapter 10.77 RCW.

3 (2) When the communications regard the special needs of a patient  
4 and the necessary circumstances giving rise to such needs and the  
5 disclosure is made by a facility providing outpatient services to the  
6 operator of a care facility in which the patient resides.

7 (3) When the person receiving services, or his or her guardian,  
8 designates persons to whom information or records may be released, or  
9 if the person is a minor, when his or her parents make such  
10 designation.

11 (4) To the extent necessary for a recipient to make a claim, or for  
12 a claim to be made on behalf of a recipient for aid, insurance, or  
13 medical assistance to which he or she may be entitled.

14 (5) For either program evaluation or research, or both: PROVIDED,  
15 That the secretary adopts rules for the conduct of the evaluation or  
16 research, or both. Such rules shall include, but need not be limited  
17 to, the requirement that all evaluators and researchers must sign an  
18 oath of confidentiality substantially as follows:

19 "As a condition of conducting evaluation or research concerning  
20 persons who have received services from (fill in the facility, agency,  
21 or person) I, . . . . ., agree not to divulge, publish, or  
22 otherwise make known to unauthorized persons or the public any  
23 information obtained in the course of such evaluation or research  
24 regarding persons who have received services such that the person who  
25 received such services is identifiable.

26 I recognize that unauthorized release of confidential information  
27 may subject me to civil liability under the provisions of state law.

28 /s/ .....

29 (6) To the courts as necessary to the administration of this  
30 chapter or to a court ordering an evaluation or treatment under chapter  
31 10.77 RCW solely for the purpose of preventing the entry of any  
32 evaluation or treatment order that is inconsistent with any order  
33 entered under this chapter.

34 (7) To law enforcement officers, public health officers, or  
35 personnel of the department of corrections or the indeterminate  
36 sentence review board for persons who are the subject of the records

1 and who are committed to the custody or supervision of the department  
2 of corrections or indeterminate sentence review board which information  
3 or records are necessary to carry out the responsibilities of their  
4 office. Except for dissemination of information released pursuant to  
5 RCW 71.05.425 and 4.24.550, regarding persons committed under this  
6 chapter under RCW 71.05.280(3) and 71.05.320(2)(c) after dismissal of  
7 a sex offense as defined in RCW 9.94A.030, the extent of information  
8 that may be released is limited as follows:

9 (a) Only the fact, place, and date of involuntary commitment, the  
10 fact and date of discharge or release, and the last known address shall  
11 be disclosed upon request; (~~and~~)

12 (b) The law enforcement and public health officers or personnel of  
13 the department of corrections or indeterminate sentence review board  
14 shall be obligated to keep such information confidential in accordance  
15 with this chapter; (~~and~~)

16 (c) Additional information shall be disclosed only after giving  
17 notice to said person and his or her counsel and upon a showing of  
18 clear, cogent, and convincing evidence that such information is  
19 necessary and that appropriate safeguards for strict confidentiality  
20 are and will be maintained. However, in the event the said person has  
21 escaped from custody, said notice prior to disclosure is not necessary  
22 and that the facility from which the person escaped shall include an  
23 evaluation as to whether the person is of danger to persons or property  
24 and has a propensity toward violence;

25 (d) Information and records shall be disclosed to the department of  
26 corrections pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of RCW  
27 71.05.445 for the purposes of completing presentence investigations or  
28 risk assessment reports, supervision of an incarcerated offender or  
29 offender under supervision in the community, planning for and provision  
30 of supervision of an offender, or assessment of an offender's risk to  
31 the community; and

32 (e) Disclosure under this subsection is mandatory for the purposes  
33 of the health insurance portability and accountability act.

34 (8) To the attorney of the detained person.

35 (9) To the prosecuting attorney as necessary to carry out the  
36 responsibilities of the office under RCW 71.05.330(2) and  
37 71.05.340(1)(b) and 71.05.335. The prosecutor shall be provided access  
38 to records regarding the committed person's treatment and prognosis,

1 medication, behavior problems, and other records relevant to the issue  
2 of whether treatment less restrictive than inpatient treatment is in  
3 the best interest of the committed person or others. Information shall  
4 be disclosed only after giving notice to the committed person and the  
5 person's counsel.

6 (10) To appropriate law enforcement agencies and to a person, when  
7 the identity of the person is known to the public or private agency,  
8 whose health and safety has been threatened, or who is known to have  
9 been repeatedly harassed, by the patient. The person may designate a  
10 representative to receive the disclosure. The disclosure shall be made  
11 by the professional person in charge of the public or private agency or  
12 his or her designee and shall include the dates of commitment,  
13 admission, discharge, or release, authorized or unauthorized absence  
14 from the agency's facility, and only such other information that is  
15 pertinent to the threat or harassment. The decision to disclose or not  
16 shall not result in civil liability for the agency or its employees so  
17 long as the decision was reached in good faith and without gross  
18 negligence.

19 (11) To appropriate corrections and law enforcement agencies(~~(~~  
20 ~~upon request,~~) all necessary and relevant information in the event of  
21 a crisis or emergent situation that poses a significant and imminent  
22 risk to the public. The decision to disclose or not shall not result  
23 in civil liability for the mental health service provider or its  
24 employees so long as the decision was reached in good faith and without  
25 gross negligence.

26 (12) To the persons designated in RCW 71.05.425 for the purposes  
27 described in that section.

28 (13) Civil liability and immunity for the release of information  
29 about a particular person who is committed to the department under RCW  
30 71.05.280(3) and 71.05.320(2)(c) after dismissal of a sex offense as  
31 defined in RCW 9.94A.030, is governed by RCW 4.24.550.

32 (14) To a patient's next of kin, guardian, or conservator, if any,  
33 in the event of death, as provided in RCW 71.05.400.

34 (15) To the department of health for the purposes of determining  
35 compliance with state or federal licensure, certification, or  
36 registration rules or laws. However, the information and records  
37 obtained under this subsection are exempt from public inspection and  
38 copying pursuant to chapter 42.17 RCW.

1       The fact of admission, as well as all records, files, evidence,  
2 findings, or orders made, prepared, collected, or maintained pursuant  
3 to this chapter shall not be admissible as evidence in any legal  
4 proceeding outside this chapter without the written consent of the  
5 person who was the subject of the proceeding except in a subsequent  
6 criminal prosecution of a person committed pursuant to RCW 71.05.280(3)  
7 or 71.05.320(2)(c) on charges that were dismissed pursuant to chapter  
8 10.77 RCW due to incompetency to stand trial or in a civil commitment  
9 proceeding pursuant to chapter 71.09 RCW. The records and files  
10 maintained in any court proceeding pursuant to this chapter shall be  
11 confidential and available subsequent to such proceedings only to the  
12 person who was the subject of the proceeding or his or her attorney.  
13 In addition, the court may order the subsequent release or use of such  
14 records or files only upon good cause shown if the court finds that  
15 appropriate safeguards for strict confidentiality are and will be  
16 maintained.

17       NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** A new section is added to chapter 9.94A RCW  
18 to read as follows:

19       An offender's failure to inform the department of court-ordered  
20 treatment upon request by the department is a violation of the  
21 conditions of supervision if the offender is in the community and an  
22 infraction if the offender is in confinement, and the violation or  
23 infraction is subject to sanctions.

24       **Sec. 8.** RCW 71.34.225 and 2002 c 39 s 1 are each amended to read  
25 as follows:

26       (1) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this  
27 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

28       (a) "Information related to mental health services" means all  
29 information and records compiled, obtained, or maintained in the course  
30 of providing services to either voluntary or involuntary recipients of  
31 services by a mental health service provider. This may include  
32 documents of legal proceedings under this chapter or chapter 71.05 or  
33 10.77 RCW, or somatic health care information.

34       (b) "Mental health service provider" means a public or private  
35 agency that provides services to persons with mental disorders as  
36 defined under RCW 71.34.020 and receives funding from public sources.

1 This includes evaluation and treatment facilities as defined in RCW  
2 71.34.020, community mental health service delivery systems, or  
3 community mental health programs, as defined in RCW 71.24.025, and  
4 facilities conducting competency evaluations and restoration under  
5 chapter 10.77 RCW.

6 (2) Information related to mental health services delivered to a  
7 person subject to chapter 9.94A or 9.95 RCW shall be released, upon  
8 request, by a mental health service provider to department of  
9 corrections personnel for whom the information is necessary to carry  
10 out the responsibilities of their office. The information must be  
11 provided only for the purpose of completing presentence investigations,  
12 supervision of an incarcerated person, planning for and provision of  
13 supervision of a person, or assessment of a person's risk to the  
14 community. The request shall be in writing and shall not require the  
15 consent of the subject of the records.

16 (3) The information to be released to the department of corrections  
17 shall include all relevant records and reports, as defined by rule,  
18 necessary for the department of corrections to carry out its duties,  
19 including those records and reports identified in subsection (2) of  
20 this section.

21 (4) The department shall, subject to available resources,  
22 electronically, or by the most cost-effective means available, provide  
23 the department of corrections with the names, last dates of services,  
24 and addresses of specific regional support networks and mental health  
25 service providers that delivered mental health services to a person  
26 subject to chapter 9.94A or 9.95 RCW pursuant to an agreement between  
27 the departments.

28 (5) The department and the department of corrections, in  
29 consultation with regional support networks, mental health service  
30 providers as defined in subsection (1) of this section, mental health  
31 consumers, and advocates for persons with mental illness, shall adopt  
32 rules to implement the provisions of this section related to the type  
33 and scope of information to be released. These rules shall:

34 (a) Enhance and facilitate the ability of the department of  
35 corrections to carry out its responsibility of planning and ensuring  
36 community protection with respect to persons subject to sentencing  
37 under chapter 9.94A or 9.95 RCW, including accessing and releasing or

1 disclosing information of persons who received mental health services  
2 as a minor; and

3 (b) Establish requirements for the notification of persons under  
4 the supervision of the department of corrections regarding the  
5 provisions of this section.

6 ~~((+5))~~ (6) The information received by the department of  
7 corrections under this section shall remain confidential and subject to  
8 the limitations on disclosure outlined in RCW 71.34.200, except as  
9 provided in RCW 72.09.585.

10 ~~((+6))~~ (7) No mental health service provider or individual  
11 employed by a mental health service provider shall be held responsible  
12 for information released to or used by the department of corrections  
13 under the provisions of this section or rules adopted under this  
14 section.

15 ~~((+7))~~ (8) Whenever federal law or federal regulations restrict  
16 the release of information contained in the treatment records of any  
17 patient who receives treatment for alcoholism or drug dependency, the  
18 release of the information may be restricted as necessary to comply  
19 with federal law and regulations.

20 ~~((+8))~~ (9) This section does not modify the terms and conditions  
21 of disclosure of information related to sexually transmitted diseases  
22 under chapter 70.24 RCW.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 9.94A RCW  
24 to read as follows:

25 When an offender receiving court-ordered mental health or chemical  
26 dependency treatment or treatment ordered by the department of  
27 corrections presents for treatment from a mental health or chemical  
28 dependency treatment provider, the offender must disclose to the mental  
29 health or chemical dependency treatment provider whether he or she is  
30 subject to supervision by the department of corrections. If an  
31 offender has received relief from disclosure pursuant to section 11,  
32 12, or 13 of this act, the offender must provide the mental health or  
33 chemical dependency treatment provider with a copy of the order  
34 granting the relief.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 9.95 RCW  
36 to read as follows:

1           When an offender receiving court-ordered mental health or chemical  
2 dependency treatment or treatment ordered by the department of  
3 corrections presents for treatment from a mental health or chemical  
4 dependency treatment provider, the offender must disclose to the mental  
5 health or chemical dependency treatment provider whether he or she is  
6 subject to supervision by the department of corrections. If an  
7 offender has received relief from disclosure pursuant to section 11,  
8 12, or 13 of this act, the offender must provide the mental health or  
9 chemical dependency treatment provider with a copy of the order  
10 granting the relief.

11           NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter 9.94A RCW  
12 to read as follows:

13           When any person is convicted in a superior court, the judgment and  
14 sentence shall include a statement that if the offender is or becomes  
15 subject to court-ordered mental health or chemical dependency  
16 treatment, the offender must notify the department and the offender's  
17 treatment information must be shared with the department of corrections  
18 for the duration of the offender's incarceration and supervision. Upon  
19 a petition by an offender who has no history of violent acts, as  
20 defined in RCW 71.05.020, the court may, for good cause, find that  
21 public safety is not enhanced by the sharing of this offender's  
22 information.

23           NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** A new section is added to chapter 71.05 RCW  
24 to read as follows:

25           When any court orders a person to receive treatment under this  
26 chapter, the order shall include a statement that if the person is, or  
27 becomes, subject to supervision by the department of corrections, the  
28 person must notify the treatment provider and the person's mental  
29 health treatment information must be shared with the department of  
30 corrections for the duration of the offender's incarceration and  
31 supervision, under RCW 71.05.445. Upon a petition by a person who has  
32 no history of violent acts, the court may, for good cause, find that  
33 public safety would not be enhanced by the sharing of this person's  
34 information.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 13.**    A new section is added to chapter 70.96A  
2    RCW to read as follows:

3        When any court orders a person to receive treatment under this  
4    chapter, the order shall include a statement that if the person is, or  
5    becomes, subject to supervision by the department of corrections, the  
6    person must notify the treatment provider and the person's chemical  
7    dependency treatment information must be shared with the department of  
8    corrections for the duration of the offender's incarceration and  
9    supervision. Upon a petition by a person who has no history of violent  
10    acts, as defined in RCW 71.05.020, the court may, for good cause, find  
11    that public safety would not be enhanced by the sharing of this  
12    person's information.

13       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 14.**    A new section is added to chapter 70.48 RCW  
14    to read as follows:

15        (1) A person having charge of a jail, or that person's designee,  
16    shall notify the county designated mental health professional or the  
17    designated chemical dependency specialist seventy-two hours prior to  
18    the release to the community of an offender or defendant who was  
19    subject to a discharge review under section 18 of this act. If the  
20    person having charge of the jail does not receive seventy-two hours  
21    notice of the release, the notification to the county designated mental  
22    health professional or the designated chemical dependency specialist  
23    shall be made as soon as reasonably possible, but not later than the  
24    actual release to the community of the defendant or offender.

25        (2) When a person having charge of a jail, or that person's  
26    designee, releases an offender or defendant who was the subject of a  
27    discharge review under section 18 of this act, the person having charge  
28    of a jail, or that person's designee, shall notify the state hospital  
29    from which the offender or defendant was released.

30       NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 15.**    A new section is added to chapter 70.96A  
31    RCW to read as follows:

32        (1) When a designated chemical dependency specialist is notified by  
33    a jail that a defendant or offender who was subject to a discharge  
34    review under section 18 of this act is to be released to the community,  
35    the designated chemical dependency specialist shall evaluate the person



1 within seventy-two hours of release, if the person's treatment  
2 information indicates that he or she may need chemical dependency  
3 treatment.

4 (2) When an offender is under court-ordered treatment in the  
5 community and the supervision of the department of corrections, and the  
6 treatment provider becomes aware that the person is in violation of the  
7 terms of the court order, the treatment provider shall notify the  
8 designated chemical dependency specialist of the violation and request  
9 an evaluation for purposes of revocation of the conditional release.

10 (3) When a designated chemical dependency specialist becomes aware  
11 that an offender who is under court-ordered treatment in the community  
12 and the supervision of the department of corrections is in violation of  
13 a treatment order or a condition of supervision, or the designated  
14 chemical dependency specialist detains a person under this chapter, the  
15 designated chemical dependency specialist shall notify the person's  
16 treatment provider and the department of corrections.

17 (4) When an offender who is confined in a state correctional  
18 facility or is under supervision of the department of corrections in  
19 the community is subject to a petition for involuntary treatment under  
20 this chapter, the designated chemical dependency specialist shall  
21 notify the department of corrections and the department of corrections  
22 shall have an opportunity to present its risk assessment or other  
23 concerns to the court.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** A new section is added to chapter 71.05 RCW  
25 to read as follows:

26 (1) When a county designated mental health professional is notified  
27 by a jail that a defendant or offender who was subject to a discharge  
28 review under section 18 of this act is to be released to the community,  
29 the county designated mental health professional shall evaluate the  
30 person within seventy-two hours of release.

31 (2) When an offender is under court-ordered treatment in the  
32 community and the supervision of the department of corrections, and the  
33 treatment provider becomes aware that the person is in violation of the  
34 terms of the court order, the treatment provider shall notify the  
35 county designated mental health professional of the violation and  
36 request an evaluation for purposes of revocation of the less  
37 restrictive alternative.

1 (3) When a county designated mental health professional becomes  
2 aware that an offender who is under court-ordered treatment in the  
3 community and the supervision of the department of corrections is in  
4 violation of a treatment order or a condition of supervision, or the  
5 county designated mental health professional detains a person under  
6 this chapter, the county designated mental health professional shall  
7 notify the person's treatment provider and the department of  
8 corrections.

9 (4) When an offender who is confined in a state correctional  
10 facility or is under supervision of the department of corrections in  
11 the community is subject to a petition for involuntary treatment under  
12 this chapter, the county designated mental health professional shall  
13 notify the department of corrections and the department of corrections  
14 shall present its risk assessment or other concerns to the court if it  
15 classifies the offender as a high risk or high needs offender.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** A new section is added to chapter 72.09 RCW  
17 to read as follows:

18 (1) When an offender is under court-ordered mental health or  
19 chemical dependency treatment in the community and the supervision of  
20 the department of corrections, and the community corrections officer  
21 becomes aware that the person is in violation of the terms of the  
22 court's treatment order, the community corrections officer shall notify  
23 the county designated mental health professional or the designated  
24 chemical dependency specialist, as appropriate, of the violation and  
25 request an evaluation for purposes of revocation of the less  
26 restrictive alternative or conditional release.

27 (2) When a county designated mental health professional or the  
28 designated chemical dependency specialist becomes aware that an  
29 offender who is under court-ordered treatment in the community and the  
30 supervision of the department of corrections is in violation of a  
31 treatment order or a condition of supervision, or the county designated  
32 mental health professional or the designated chemical dependency  
33 specialist detains a person under chapter 70.96A or 71.05 RCW, the  
34 county designated mental health professional or the designated chemical  
35 dependency specialist shall notify the person's treatment provider and  
36 the department of corrections.

1 (3) When a county designated mental health professional or the  
2 designated chemical dependency specialist notifies the department that  
3 an offender in a state correctional facility is the subject of a  
4 petition for involuntary treatment under chapter 71.05 or 70.96A RCW,  
5 the county designated mental health professional or the designated  
6 chemical dependency specialist shall notify the department of  
7 corrections and the department of corrections shall have an opportunity  
8 to present its risk assessment or other concerns to the court.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** A new section is added to chapter 71.05 RCW  
10 to read as follows:

11 (1) When a state hospital admits a person for evaluation or  
12 treatment under this chapter who has a history of violent acts and:

13 (a) Has been transferred from a correctional facility; or

14 (b) Is or has been under the authority of the department of  
15 corrections or the indeterminate sentence review board,  
16 the state hospital shall consult with the appropriate corrections  
17 personnel and the appropriate forensic staff at the state hospital to  
18 conduct a discharge review to determine whether the person presents a  
19 likelihood of serious harm and whether the person is appropriate for  
20 release to a less restrictive alternative.

21 (2) When a state hospital returns a person who was reviewed under  
22 subsection (1) of this section to a correctional facility, the hospital  
23 shall notify the correctional facility that the person was subject to  
24 a discharge review pursuant to this section.

25 **Sec. 19.** RCW 70.02.030 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 741 are each amended  
26 to read as follows:

27 (1) A patient may authorize a health care provider to disclose the  
28 patient's health care information. A health care provider shall honor  
29 an authorization and, if requested, provide a copy of the recorded  
30 health care information unless the health care provider denies the  
31 patient access to health care information under RCW 70.02.090.

32 (2) A health care provider may charge a reasonable fee for  
33 providing the health care information and is not required to honor an  
34 authorization until the fee is paid.

35 (3) To be valid, a disclosure authorization to a health care  
36 provider shall:

- 1 (a) Be in writing, dated, and signed by the patient;  
2 (b) Identify the nature of the information to be disclosed;  
3 (c) Identify the name, address, and institutional affiliation of  
4 the person to whom the information is to be disclosed;  
5 (d) Except for third-party payors, identify the provider who is to  
6 make the disclosure; and  
7 (e) Identify the patient.

8 (4) Except as provided by this chapter, the signing of an  
9 authorization by a patient is not a waiver of any rights a patient has  
10 under other statutes, the rules of evidence, or common law.

11 (5) A health care provider shall retain each authorization or  
12 revocation in conjunction with any health care information from which  
13 disclosures are made. This requirement shall not apply to disclosures  
14 to third-party payors.

15 (6) Except for authorizations given pursuant to an agreement with  
16 a treatment or monitoring program or disciplinary authority under  
17 chapter 18.71 or 18.130 RCW, when the patient is under the supervision  
18 of the department of corrections, or to provide information to third-  
19 party payors, an authorization may not permit the release of health  
20 care information relating to future health care that the patient  
21 receives more than ninety days after the authorization was signed.  
22 Patients shall be advised of the period of validity of their  
23 authorization on the disclosure authorization form. If the  
24 authorization does not contain an expiration date and the patient is  
25 not under the supervision of the department of corrections, it expires  
26 ninety days after it is signed.

27 (7) Where the patient is under the supervision of the department of  
28 corrections, an authorization signed pursuant to this section for  
29 health care information related to mental health or drug or alcohol  
30 treatment expires at the end of the term of supervision.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 20. (1) The department of social and health  
32 services and the department of corrections shall develop a training  
33 plan for department employees, contractors, and necessary mental health  
34 service providers and chemical dependency treatment providers covering  
35 the information sharing processes for offenders with treatment orders  
36 and terms of supervision in the community.

1 (2) The department of corrections and the department of social and  
2 health services, in consultation with prosecuting attorneys, the  
3 Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, regional support  
4 networks, county designated chemical dependency specialists, and other  
5 experts that the departments deem appropriate, shall develop a model  
6 for multidisciplinary case management and release planning of offenders  
7 classified as having high resource needs in multiple service areas.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 21.** The department of social and health  
9 services, in consultation with the appropriate committees of the  
10 legislature, shall assess the current and needed residential capacity  
11 for crisis response and ongoing treatment services for persons in need  
12 of treatment for mental disorders and chemical dependency. In addition  
13 to considering the demand for persons with either a mental disorder or  
14 chemical dependency, the assessment shall consider the demand for  
15 services for mentally ill offenders, and persons with co-occurring  
16 disorders, mental disorders caused by traumatic brain injury or  
17 dementia, and drug induced psychosis. An initial report assessing the  
18 types, number, and location of needed crisis response and emergency  
19 treatment beds, both in community hospital-based and in other settings,  
20 shall be submitted to appropriate committees of the legislature by  
21 November 1, 2004. A final report assessing the types, number, and  
22 location of beds needed for emergency, transitional, and ongoing  
23 treatment shall be submitted to appropriate committees of the  
24 legislature by December 1, 2005. Both reports shall set forth the  
25 projected costs and benefits of alternative strategies and timelines  
26 for addressing identified needs.

27 Legislative staff shall review and analyze the use of mental health  
28 resources in other state programs for providing community based and  
29 hospital based care for persons with mental illness, including  
30 information available through the council of state governments and the  
31 national conference of state legislatures.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 22.** If any provision of this act or its  
33 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
34 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
35 persons or circumstances is not affected.

1        NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 23.**   This act takes effect July 1, 2004, except  
2   for sections 6, 20, and 21 of this act, which are necessary for the  
3   immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or  
4   support of the state government and its existing public institutions,  
5   and take effect immediately.

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