
**Health Care & Wellness
Committee**

HB 1853

Brief Description: Concerning case management services for dangerous mentally ill offenders.

Sponsors: Representatives Cody, Green, Morrell, Appleton, Kenney, Moeller and Ormsby; by request of Department of Social and Health Services.

Brief Summary of Bill

- All Regional Support Networks are required to provide community integration assistance programs for offenders who suffer from a mental illness and pose a threat to public safety.

Hearing Date: 2/14/07

Staff: Dave Knutson (786-7146).

Background:

Offenders who suffer from a mental illness and pose a threat to public safety identified and provided additional mental health treatment when they are released from prison. A community integration program provides case management and support services for these offenders upon re-entry into the community. The program provides services and treatment for up to five years after release from prison. The Department of Social and Health Services is authorized to contract with Regional Support Networks (RSNs) to provide these services. Currently this program, the Community Integration Assistance Program, is found in four of the state's thirteen RSNs.

Summary of Bill:

All RSNs are required to provide community integration assistance programs for offenders who suffer from a mental illness and pose a threat to public safety.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.