

HB 3003 - DIGEST

Finds that there is unintended ambiguity about the authority of the secretary of the department of social and health services under the criminal procedure act to seek reimbursement from defendants who are committed for competency evaluation and mental health treatment, and the general provision prohibiting a criminal defendant from being charged for prosecution related costs prior to conviction.

Intends for treatment costs to be the responsibility of the defendant's insurers and ultimately the defendant based on their ability to pay, and it is permissible for the state and other governmental units to assess financial liability on defendants who become patients and receive medical and mental health care.

Provides that the intent of this act is to clarify this reimbursement requirement.