

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 5452

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Regarding communication, collaboration, and expedited medicaid attainment concerning persons with mental health or chemical dependency disorders who are confined or committed in a state institution.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Hargrove, Stevens and Haugen).

Senate Committee on Human Services & Corrections
House Committee on Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness

Background: The Post Institutional Medical Assistance system (PIMA system) is a communication tool under development at the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) which will facilitate suspension of medical assistance and expedited medical assistance applications for persons in the custody of a correctional facility or institution for mental disease.

Summary: DSHS may disclose the fact, place, and date of an individual's civil commitment for mental health treatment to a correctional institution for the purpose of using the PIMA system. An evaluation and treatment facility, hospital emergency department, or crisis stabilization unit which detains a person for a civil commitment evaluation must make reasonable attempts to inform a peace officer if the patient is released pursuant to a specific request if the officer has provided contact information. Notification of the release or escape of a state hospital patient committed following a charge for a sex, violent, or felony harassment offense must be provided to the chief of police and sheriff of the city or county which had jurisdiction over the person at the time of the offense.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0	
House	92	0	(House amended)
Senate	48	0	(Senate concurred)

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