

SB 6492-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Establishes performance targets for the timeliness of the completion of accurate and reliable evaluations of competency to stand trial and admissions for inpatient services related to competency to proceed or stand trial for adult criminal defendants.

Requires the department of social and health services to:
(1) Develop, document, and implement procedures to monitor the clinical status of defendants admitted to a state hospital for competency services;

(2) Investigate the extent to which patients admitted to a state hospital overstay authorized time periods and take reasonable steps to limit the time of commitment to authorized periods; and

(3) Establish written standards for the productivity of forensic evaluators and use the standards to internally review the performance of forensic evaluators.

Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to make an independent assessment of the performance of the state hospitals.

Requires the state institute for public policy to study and report to the legislature the benefit of standardizing protocols used for treatment to restore competency to stand trial.

Prohibits a jail from refusing to book a patient of a state hospital solely based on the patient's status as a state hospital patient.

Authorizes a state hospital to administer antipsychotic medication without consent to an individual who is committed as criminally insane.