

HB 1713-S2 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 3RD SUB)

Establishes Ricky Garcia's act.

Requires the department of social and health services to combine the functions of a designated mental health professional and designated chemical dependency specialist by establishing a designated crisis responder who is authorized to conduct investigations, detain persons up to seventy-two hours to the proper facility, and carry out the other functions identified in chapter 71.05 RCW (mental illness) and chapter 71.34 RCW (mental health services for minors).

Requires the behavioral health organizations to provide training to persons converting to designated crisis responders, as required by the department of social and health services, which must include both mental health and chemical dependency training applicable to the designated crisis responder role.

Requires the state institute for public policy to evaluate the effect of the integration of the involuntary treatment systems for substance use disorders and mental health and make preliminary reports to the appropriate legislative committees.

Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.