

**HB 2501 - DIGEST**

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 1ST SUB)

Requires the department of corrections or the chief law enforcement officer responsible for the operation of a jail to: (1) Assure that its jail register is capable of transmitting information about persons confined in jail to behavioral health organizations and managed care health systems providing behavioral health services under the community mental health services act; and

(2) Upon notification from a health care provider that a person who has been confined has medications that are currently prescribed, assure that the confined person maintains the identical type and dosage of medications.

Requires each behavioral health organization or managed care health system providing behavioral health services under the community mental health services act to assure that it has the capacity to electronically receive register information from local jails about persons confined in jail.

Requires the department of social and health services and the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs to establish a work group to adopt methods and procedures for certain communications.

Requires a health care provider to disclose health care information about a patient without the patient's authorization if the disclosure is to communicate information to a department of corrections or chief law enforcement officer responsible for the operation of a jail with regards to current medications that have been prescribed for a person who has been confined.