
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2501

State of Washington 64th Legislature 2016 Regular Session

By House Public Safety (originally sponsored by Representatives
Caldier, Jinkins, McBride, Moeller, Young, Rodne, and Appleton)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the communication of information to continue
2 health services for confined persons; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The department of social and health
5 services and the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs
6 shall establish a work group to study and develop recommendations for
7 methods and procedures for:

8 (a) Local jails to electronically transmit information about
9 persons confined in jail to behavioral health organizations and
10 managed care health systems within twelve hours of a person's
11 confinement into jail;

12 (b) Behavioral health organizations and managed care health
13 systems to receive information transmitted from a jail about a
14 confined person and determine whether the person is a client; and

15 (c) Enabling a person's associated health care provider(s) to
16 electronically communicate the person's health care information to
17 the appropriate health care staff at the jail to ensure proper
18 continuity of care for the incarcerated person.

19 (2) The recommendations of the work group must include
20 recommendations for state funding necessary to achieve efficient,
21 secure, and proper communications between local jails, behavioral

1 health organizations and managed care health systems, and associated
2 health care providers. The work group shall submit its
3 recommendations to the governor and appropriate committees of the
4 legislature by January 1, 2017.

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