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1 AN ACT Relating to timeliness of competency evaluation and
2 restoration services; amending RCW 10.77.068, 10.77.073, 10.77.086,
3 10.77.088, 10.77.220, 71.05.235, and 10.77.065; reenacting and
4 amending RCW 10.77.065; creating a new section; providing an
5 effective date; providing expiration dates; and declaring an
6 emergency.

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

8 **Sec. 1.** RCW 10.77.068 and 2012 c 256 s 2 are each amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (1)(a) The legislature establishes the following performance
11 targets and maximum time limits for the timeliness of the completion
12 of accurate and reliable evaluations of competency to stand trial and
13 admissions for inpatient restoration services related to competency
14 to proceed or stand trial for adult criminal defendants. The
15 legislature recognizes that these targets may not be achievable in
16 all cases without compromise to the quality of competency evaluation
17 and restoration services, but intends for the department to manage,
18 allocate, and request appropriations for resources in order to meet
19 these targets whenever possible without sacrificing the accuracy and
20 quality of competency evaluations and restorations, and to otherwise

1 make sustainable improvements and track performance related to the
2 timeliness of competency services:

3 (i) For a state hospital to extend an offer of admission to a
4 defendant in pretrial custody for legally authorized ~~((treatment or))~~
5 evaluation services related to competency, or to extend an offer of
6 admission for legally authorized services following dismissal of
7 charges based on ~~((incompetent))~~ incompetence to proceed or stand
8 trial~~((τ))~~:

9 (A) A performance target of seven days or less; and

10 (B) A maximum time limit of fourteen days;

11 (ii) For a state hospital to extend an offer of admission to a
12 defendant in pretrial custody for legally authorized inpatient
13 restoration treatment related to competency:

14 (A) A performance target of seven days or less; and

15 (B) A maximum time limit of fourteen days;

16 (iii) For completion of a competency evaluation in jail and
17 distribution of the evaluation report for a defendant in pretrial
18 custody~~((τ))~~:

19 (A) A performance target of seven days or less; and

20 (B) A maximum time limit of fourteen days, plus an additional
21 seven-day extension if needed for clinical reasons to complete the
22 evaluation at the determination of the department;

23 ~~((iii))~~ (iv) For completion of a competency evaluation in the
24 community and distribution of the evaluation report for a defendant
25 who is released from custody and makes a reasonable effort to
26 cooperate with the evaluation, a performance target of twenty-one
27 days or less.

28 (b) The time periods measured in these performance targets and
29 maximum time limits shall run from the date on which the state
30 hospital receives the court referral and charging documents,
31 discovery, mental health and medical records, police reports, the
32 names and addresses of the attorneys for the defendant and state or
33 county, the name of the judge ordering the evaluation, information
34 about the alleged crime, a summary of the reasons for the evaluation
35 request, and criminal history information related to the defendant.
36 The ~~((targets))~~ maximum time limits in (a)~~((i) and (ii))~~ of this
37 subsection shall be phased in over a ~~((six-month))~~ one-year period
38 ~~((from May 1, 2012. The target in (a)(iii) of this subsection shall~~
39 ~~be phased in over a twelve-month period from May 1, 2012.~~

1 ~~(c) The legislature recognizes the following nonexclusive list of~~
2 ~~circumstances that may place achievement of targets for completion of~~
3 ~~competency services described in (a) of this subsection out of the~~
4 ~~department's reach in an individual case without aspersion to the~~
5 ~~efforts of the department)) beginning July 1, 2015, in a manner that~~
6 ~~results in measurable incremental progress toward meeting the time~~
7 ~~limits over the course of the year.~~

8 (c) It shall be a defense to an allegation that the department
9 has exceeded the maximum time limits for completion of competency
10 services described in (a) of this subsection if the department can
11 demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that the reason for
12 exceeding the maximum time limits was outside of the department's
13 control including, but not limited to, the following circumstances:

14 (i) Despite a timely request, the department has not received
15 necessary medical clearance information regarding the current medical
16 status of a defendant in pretrial custody for the purposes of
17 admission to a state hospital;

18 (ii) The individual circumstances of the defendant make accurate
19 completion of an evaluation of competency to proceed or stand trial
20 dependent upon review of medical history information which is in the
21 custody of a third party and cannot be immediately obtained by the
22 department. Completion of a competency evaluation shall not be
23 postponed for procurement of medical history information which is
24 merely supplementary to the competency determination;

25 (iii) Completion of the referral is frustrated by lack of
26 availability or participation by counsel, jail or court personnel,
27 interpreters, or the defendant;

28 (iv) The department does not have access to appropriate private
29 space to conduct a competency evaluation for a defendant in pretrial
30 custody;

31 (v) The defendant asserts legal rights that result in a delay in
32 the provision of competency services; or

33 ~~((+iv))~~ (vi) An unusual spike in the receipt of evaluation
34 referrals or in the number of defendants requiring restoration
35 services has occurred, causing temporary delays until the unexpected
36 excess demand for competency services can be resolved.

37 (2) The department shall:

38 (a) Develop, document, and implement procedures to monitor the
39 clinical status of defendants admitted to a state hospital for
40 competency services that allow the state hospital to accomplish early

1 discharge for defendants for whom clinical objectives have been
2 achieved or may be achieved before expiration of the commitment
3 period;

4 (b) Investigate the extent to which patients admitted to a state
5 hospital under this chapter overstay time periods authorized by law
6 and take reasonable steps to limit the time of commitment to
7 authorized periods; and

8 (c) Establish written standards for the productivity of forensic
9 evaluators and utilize these standards to internally review the
10 performance of forensic evaluators.

11 (3) Following any quarter in which a state hospital has failed to
12 meet one or more of the performance targets or maximum time limits in
13 subsection (1) of this section after full implementation of the
14 performance target or maximum time limit, the department shall report
15 to the executive and the legislature the extent of this deviation and
16 describe any corrective action being taken to improve performance.
17 This report must be made publicly available. An average may be used
18 to determine timeliness under this subsection.

19 (4) Beginning December 1, 2013, the department shall report
20 annually to the legislature and the executive on the timeliness of
21 services related to competency to proceed or stand trial and the
22 timeliness with which court referrals accompanied by charging
23 documents, discovery, and criminal history information are provided
24 to the department relative to the signature date of the court order.
25 The report must be in a form that is accessible to the public and
26 that breaks down performance by county.

27 (5) This section does not create any new entitlement or cause of
28 action related to the timeliness of competency evaluations or
29 admission for inpatient restoration services related to competency to
30 proceed or stand trial, nor can it form the basis for contempt
31 sanctions under chapter 7.21 RCW or a motion to dismiss criminal
32 charges.

33 **Sec. 2.** RCW 10.77.073 and 2013 c 284 s 1 are each amended to
34 read as follows:

35 (1) The department shall reimburse a county for the cost of
36 appointing a qualified expert or professional person under RCW
37 10.77.060(1)(a) subject to subsections (2), (3), and (4) of this
38 section if, at the time of a referral for an evaluation of competency
39 to stand trial in a jail for an in-custody defendant, the department

1 ~~((has))~~: (a) During the most recent quarter, did not perform at least
2 one-third of the number of jail-based competency evaluations for in-
3 custody defendants as were performed by qualified experts or
4 professional persons appointed by the court in the referring county;
5 or (b) did not ~~((met))~~ meet the performance target for timely
6 completion of competency evaluations under RCW 10.77.068(1)(a)
7 ~~((ii))~~ (iii) during the most recent quarter in fifty percent of
8 cases submitted by the referring county, as documented in the most
9 recent quarterly report under RCW 10.77.068(3) or confirmed by
10 records maintained by the department(~~(, the department shall~~
11 ~~reimburse the county for the cost of appointing a qualified expert or~~
12 ~~professional person under RCW 10.77.060(1)(a) subject to subsections~~
13 ~~(2) and (3) of this section)~~).

14 (2) Appointment of a qualified expert or professional person
15 under this section must be from a list of qualified experts or
16 professional persons assembled with participation by representatives
17 of the prosecuting attorney and the defense bar of the county. The
18 qualified expert or professional person shall complete an evaluation
19 and report that includes the components specified in RCW
20 10.77.060(3).

21 (3) The county shall provide a copy of the evaluation report to
22 the applicable state hospital upon referral of the defendant for
23 admission to the state hospital. The county shall maintain data on
24 the timeliness of competency evaluations completed under this
25 section.

26 (4) A qualified expert or professional person appointed by a
27 court under this section must be compensated for competency
28 evaluations in an amount that will encourage in-depth evaluation
29 reports. Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
30 specific purpose, the department shall reimburse the county in an
31 amount determined by the department to be fair and reasonable with
32 the county paying any excess costs. The amount of reimbursement
33 established by the department must at least meet the equivalent
34 amount for evaluations conducted by the department.

35 ~~((4)-(5))~~ (5) Nothing in this section precludes either party
36 from objecting to the appointment of an evaluator on the basis that
37 an inpatient evaluation is appropriate under RCW 10.77.060(1)(d).

38 ~~((5)-(6))~~ (6) This section expires June 30, ~~((2016))~~ 2018.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The legislature finds that there are
2 currently no alternatives to competency restoration provided in the
3 state hospitals. Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated
4 for this specific purpose, the legislature encourages the department
5 of social and health services to develop, on a phased-in basis,
6 alternative locations and increased access to competency restoration
7 services under chapter 10.77 RCW for individuals who do not require
8 in-patient psychiatric hospitalization level services.

9 **Sec. 4.** RCW 10.77.086 and 2013 c 289 s 2 are each amended to
10 read as follows:

11 (1)(a) If the defendant is charged with a felony and determined
12 to be incompetent, until he or she has regained the competency
13 necessary to understand the proceedings against him or her and assist
14 in his or her own defense, (~~(or has been determined unlikely to~~
15 ~~regain competency pursuant to RCW 10.77.084(1)(b),)~~) but in any event
16 for a period of no longer than ninety days, the court:

17 (i) Shall commit the defendant to the custody of the secretary
18 who shall place such defendant in an appropriate facility of the
19 department for evaluation and treatment; or

20 (ii) May alternatively order the defendant to undergo evaluation
21 and treatment at some other facility as determined by the department,
22 or under the guidance and control of a professional person. The
23 facilities may include community mental health providers or other
24 local facilities that contract with the department and are willing
25 and able to provide treatment under this section. During the
26 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, the department may contract with one or
27 more cities or counties to provide competency restoration services in
28 a city or county jail if the city or county jail is willing and able
29 to serve as a location for competency restoration services and if the
30 secretary determines that there is an emergent need for beds and
31 documents the justification, including a plan to address the
32 emergency. Patients receiving competency restoration services in a
33 city or county jail must be physically separated from other
34 populations at the jail, must interact only with treatment staff and
35 not jail staff, and must be provided as much as possible with a
36 therapeutic environment.

37 The ninety-day period for evaluation and treatment under this
38 subsection (1) includes only the time the defendant is actually at

1 the facility and is in addition to reasonable time for transport to
2 or from the facility.

3 (b) For a defendant whose highest charge is a class C felony, or
4 a class B felony that is not classified as violent under RCW
5 9.94A.030, the maximum time allowed for the initial period of
6 commitment for competency restoration is forty-five days. The forty-
7 five day period includes only the time the defendant is actually at
8 the facility and is in addition to reasonable time for transport to
9 or from the facility.

10 (c) If the court determines that the defendant is unlikely to
11 regain competency, the court may dismiss the charges without
12 prejudice without ordering the defendant to undergo restoration
13 treatment, in which case the court shall order that the defendant be
14 referred for evaluation for civil commitment in the manner provided
15 in subsection (4) of this section.

16 (2) On or before expiration of the initial period of commitment
17 under subsection (1) of this section the court shall conduct a
18 hearing, at which it shall determine whether or not the defendant is
19 incompetent.

20 (3) If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that a
21 defendant charged with a felony is incompetent, the court shall have
22 the option of extending the order of commitment or alternative
23 treatment for an additional period of ninety days, but the court must
24 at the time of extension set a date for a prompt hearing to determine
25 the defendant's competency before the expiration of the second
26 restoration period. The defendant, the defendant's attorney, or the
27 prosecutor has the right to demand that the hearing be before a jury.
28 No extension shall be ordered for a second or third restoration
29 period as provided in subsection (4) of this section if the
30 defendant's incompetence has been determined by the secretary to be
31 solely the result of a developmental disability which is such that
32 competence is not reasonably likely to be regained during an
33 extension. The ninety-day period includes only the time the defendant
34 is actually at the facility and is in addition to reasonable time for
35 transport to or from the facility.

36 (4) For persons charged with a felony, at the hearing upon the
37 expiration of the second restoration period or at the end of the
38 first restoration period, in the case of a defendant with a
39 developmental disability, if the jury or court finds that the
40 defendant is incompetent, the charges shall be dismissed without

1 prejudice, and the court shall order the defendant be committed to a
2 state hospital as defined in RCW 72.23.010 for up to seventy-two
3 hours starting from admission to the facility, excluding Saturdays,
4 Sundays, and holidays, for evaluation for the purpose of filing a
5 civil commitment petition under chapter 71.05 RCW. The criminal
6 charges shall not be dismissed if the court or jury finds that: (a)
7 The defendant (i) is a substantial danger to other persons; or (ii)
8 presents a substantial likelihood of committing criminal acts
9 jeopardizing public safety or security; and (b) there is a
10 substantial probability that the defendant will regain competency
11 within a reasonable period of time. In the event that the court or
12 jury makes such a finding, the court may extend the period of
13 commitment for up to an additional six months. The six-month period
14 includes only the time the defendant is actually at the facility and
15 is in addition to reasonable time for transport to or from the
16 facility.

17 **Sec. 5.** RCW 10.77.088 and 2007 c 375 s 5 are each amended to
18 read as follows:

19 (1)(a) If the defendant is charged with a nonfelony crime which
20 is a serious offense as identified in RCW 10.77.092 and found by the
21 court to be not competent, then the court (~~(shall order the secretary~~
22 ~~to place the defendant)):~~

23 (i) (~~(At a secure mental health facility in the custody of the~~
24 ~~department or an agency designated by the department for mental~~
25 ~~health treatment and restoration of competency.)) Shall commit the~~
26 defendant to the custody of the secretary who shall place such
27 defendant in an appropriate facility of the department for evaluation
28 and treatment;

29 (ii) May alternatively order the defendant to undergo evaluation
30 and treatment at some other facility as determined by the department,
31 or under the guidance and control of a professional person. The
32 facilities may include community mental health providers or other
33 local facilities that contract with the department and are willing
34 and able to provide treatment under this section. During the
35 2015-2017 fiscal biennium, the department may contract with one or
36 more cities or counties to provide competency restoration services in
37 a city or county jail if the city or county jail is willing and able
38 to serve as a location for competency restoration services and if the
39 secretary determines that there is an emergent need for beds and

1 documents the justification, including a plan to address the
2 emergency. Patients receiving competency restoration services in a
3 city or county jail must be physically separated from other
4 populations at the jail, must interact only with treatment staff and
5 not jail staff, and must be provided as much as possible with a
6 therapeutic environment. The placement shall not exceed fourteen days
7 in addition to any unused time of the evaluation under RCW 10.77.060.
8 The court shall compute this total period and include its computation
9 in the order. The fourteen-day period plus any unused time of the
10 evaluation under RCW 10.77.060 shall be considered to include only
11 the time the defendant is actually at the facility and shall be in
12 addition to reasonable time for transport to or from the facility;

13 ~~((+ii+))~~ (iii) On conditional release for up to ninety days for
14 mental health treatment and restoration of competency; or

15 ~~((+iii+))~~ (iv) Any combination of this subsection.

16 (b) If the court has determined that the defendant is unlikely to
17 regain competency, the court may dismiss the charges without
18 prejudice without ordering the defendant to undergo restoration
19 treatment, in which case the court shall order that the defendant be
20 referred for evaluation for civil commitment in the manner provided
21 in (c) of this subsection.

22 (c)(i) If the proceedings are dismissed under RCW 10.77.084 and
23 the defendant was on conditional release at the time of dismissal,
24 the court shall order the designated mental health professional
25 within that county to evaluate the defendant pursuant to chapter
26 71.05 RCW. The evaluation may be conducted in any location chosen by
27 the professional.

28 (ii) If the defendant was in custody and not on conditional
29 release at the time of dismissal, the defendant shall be detained and
30 sent to an evaluation and treatment facility for up to seventy-two
31 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, for evaluation for
32 purposes of filing a petition under chapter 71.05 RCW. The seventy-
33 two-hour period shall commence upon the next nonholiday weekday
34 following the court order and shall run to the end of the last
35 nonholiday weekday within the seventy-two-hour period.

36 (2) If the defendant is charged with a nonfelony crime that is
37 not a serious offense as defined in RCW 10.77.092:

38 The court may stay or dismiss proceedings and detain the
39 defendant for sufficient time to allow the designated mental health
40 professional to evaluate the defendant and consider initial detention

1 proceedings under chapter 71.05 RCW. The court must give notice to
2 all parties at least twenty-four hours before the dismissal of any
3 proceeding under this subsection, and provide an opportunity for a
4 hearing on whether to dismiss the proceedings.

5 **Sec. 6.** RCW 10.77.220 and 1982 c 112 s 3 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 No person who is criminally insane confined pursuant to this
8 chapter shall be incarcerated in a state correctional institution or
9 facility: PROVIDED, That nothing herein shall prohibit confinement in
10 a mental health facility located wholly within a correctional
11 institution. Confinement of a person who is criminally insane in a
12 county jail or other local facility while awaiting either placement
13 in a treatment program or a court hearing pursuant to this chapter is
14 permitted for no more than seven days.

15 **Sec. 7.** RCW 71.05.235 and 2008 c 213 s 5 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (1) If an individual is referred to a designated mental health
18 professional under RCW 10.77.088(1)((~~b~~)) (c)(i), the designated
19 mental health professional shall examine the individual within forty-
20 eight hours. If the designated mental health professional determines
21 it is not appropriate to detain the individual or petition for a
22 ninety-day less restrictive alternative under RCW 71.05.230(4), that
23 decision shall be immediately presented to the superior court for
24 hearing. The court shall hold a hearing to consider the decision of
25 the designated mental health professional not later than the next
26 judicial day. At the hearing the superior court shall review the
27 determination of the designated mental health professional and
28 determine whether an order should be entered requiring the person to
29 be evaluated at an evaluation and treatment facility. No person
30 referred to an evaluation and treatment facility may be held at the
31 facility longer than seventy-two hours.

32 (2) If an individual is placed in an evaluation and treatment
33 facility under RCW 10.77.088(1)((~~b~~)) (c)(ii), a professional person
34 shall evaluate the individual for purposes of determining whether to
35 file a ninety-day inpatient or outpatient petition under chapter
36 71.05 RCW. Before expiration of the seventy-two hour evaluation
37 period authorized under RCW 10.77.088(1)((~~b~~)) (c)(ii), the
38 professional person shall file a petition or, if the recommendation

1 of the professional person is to release the individual, present his
2 or her recommendation to the superior court of the county in which
3 the criminal charge was dismissed. The superior court shall review
4 the recommendation not later than forty-eight hours, excluding
5 Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, after the recommendation is
6 presented. If the court rejects the recommendation to unconditionally
7 release the individual, the court may order the individual detained
8 at a designated evaluation and treatment facility for not more than a
9 seventy-two hour evaluation and treatment period and direct the
10 individual to appear at a surety hearing before that court within
11 seventy-two hours, or the court may release the individual but direct
12 the individual to appear at a surety hearing set before that court
13 within eleven days, at which time the prosecutor may file a petition
14 under this chapter for ninety-day inpatient or outpatient treatment.
15 If a petition is filed by the prosecutor, the court may order that
16 the person named in the petition be detained at the evaluation and
17 treatment facility that performed the evaluation under this
18 subsection or order the respondent to be in outpatient treatment. If
19 a petition is filed but the individual fails to appear in court for
20 the surety hearing, the court shall order that a mental health
21 professional or peace officer shall take such person or cause such
22 person to be taken into custody and placed in an evaluation and
23 treatment facility to be brought before the court the next judicial
24 day after detention. Upon the individual's first appearance in court
25 after a petition has been filed, proceedings under RCW 71.05.310 and
26 71.05.320 shall commence. For an individual subject to this
27 subsection, the prosecutor or professional person may directly file a
28 petition for ninety-day inpatient or outpatient treatment and no
29 petition for initial detention or fourteen-day detention is required
30 before such a petition may be filed.

31 The court shall conduct the hearing on the petition filed under
32 this subsection within five judicial days of the date the petition is
33 filed. The court may continue the hearing upon the written request of
34 the person named in the petition or the person's attorney, for good
35 cause shown, which continuance shall not exceed five additional
36 judicial days. If the person named in the petition requests a jury
37 trial, the trial shall commence within ten judicial days of the date
38 of the filing of the petition. The burden of proof shall be by clear,
39 cogent, and convincing evidence and shall be upon the petitioner. The
40 person shall be present at such proceeding, which shall in all

1 respects accord with the constitutional guarantees of due process of
2 law and the rules of evidence pursuant to RCW 71.05.360 (8) and (9).

3 During the proceeding the person named in the petition shall
4 continue to be detained and treated until released by order of the
5 court. If no order has been made within thirty days after the filing
6 of the petition, not including any extensions of time requested by
7 the detained person or his or her attorney, the detained person shall
8 be released.

9 (3) If a designated mental health professional or the
10 professional person and prosecuting attorney for the county in which
11 the criminal charge was dismissed or attorney general, as
12 appropriate, stipulate that the individual does not present a
13 likelihood of serious harm or is not gravely disabled, the hearing
14 under this section is not required and the individual, if in custody,
15 shall be released.

16 (4) The individual shall have the rights specified in RCW
17 71.05.360 (8) and (9).

18 **Sec. 8.** RCW 10.77.065 and 2014 c 10 s 3 are each amended to read
19 as follows:

20 (1)(a)(i) The expert conducting the evaluation shall provide his
21 or her report and recommendation to the court in which the criminal
22 proceeding is pending. For a competency evaluation of a defendant who
23 is released from custody, if the evaluation cannot be completed
24 within twenty-one days due to a lack of cooperation by the defendant,
25 the evaluator shall notify the court that he or she is unable to
26 complete the evaluation because of such lack of cooperation.

27 (ii) A copy of the report and recommendation shall be provided to
28 the designated mental health professional, the prosecuting attorney,
29 the defense attorney, and the professional person at the local
30 correctional facility where the defendant is being held, or if there
31 is no professional person, to the person designated under (a)(iv) of
32 this subsection. Upon request, the evaluator shall also provide
33 copies of any source documents relevant to the evaluation to the
34 designated mental health professional.

35 (iii) Any facility providing inpatient services related to
36 competency shall discharge the defendant as soon as the facility
37 determines that the defendant is competent to stand trial. Discharge
38 shall not be postponed during the writing and distribution of the
39 evaluation report. Distribution of an evaluation report by a facility

1 providing inpatient services shall ordinarily be accomplished within
2 two working days or less following the final evaluation of the
3 defendant. If the defendant is discharged to the custody of a local
4 correctional facility, the local correctional facility must continue
5 the medication regimen prescribed by the facility, when clinically
6 appropriate, unless the defendant refuses to cooperate with
7 medication and an involuntary medication order by the court has not
8 been entered.

9 (iv) If there is no professional person at the local correctional
10 facility, the local correctional facility shall designate a
11 professional person as defined in RCW 71.05.020 or, in cooperation
12 with the regional support network, a professional person at the
13 regional support network to receive the report and recommendation.

14 (v) Upon commencement of a defendant's evaluation in the local
15 correctional facility, the local correctional facility must notify
16 the evaluator of the name of the professional person, or person
17 designated under (a)(iv) of this subsection, to receive the report
18 and recommendation.

19 (b) If the evaluator concludes, under RCW 10.77.060(3)(f), the
20 person should be evaluated by a designated mental health professional
21 under chapter 71.05 RCW, the court shall order such evaluation be
22 conducted prior to release from confinement when the person is
23 acquitted or convicted and sentenced to confinement for twenty-four
24 months or less, or when charges are dismissed pursuant to a finding
25 of incompetent to stand trial.

26 (2) The designated mental health professional shall provide
27 written notification within twenty-four hours of the results of the
28 determination whether to commence proceedings under chapter 71.05
29 RCW. The notification shall be provided to the persons identified in
30 subsection (1)(a) of this section.

31 (3) The prosecuting attorney shall provide a copy of the results
32 of any proceedings commenced by the designated mental health
33 professional under subsection (2) of this section to the secretary.

34 (4) A facility conducting a civil commitment evaluation under RCW
35 10.77.086(4) or 10.77.088(1)(~~(b)~~) (c)(ii) that makes a
36 determination to release the person instead of filing a civil
37 commitment petition must provide written notice to the prosecutor and
38 defense attorney at least twenty-four hours prior to release. The
39 notice may be given by electronic mail, facsimile, or other means
40 reasonably likely to communicate the information immediately.

1 (5) The fact of admission and all information and records
2 compiled, obtained, or maintained in the course of providing services
3 under this chapter may also be disclosed to the courts solely to
4 prevent the entry of any evaluation or treatment order that is
5 inconsistent with any order entered under chapter 71.05 RCW.

6 **Sec. 9.** RCW 10.77.065 and 2014 c 225 s 59 and 2014 c 10 s 3 are
7 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 (1)(a)(i) The expert conducting the evaluation shall provide his
9 or her report and recommendation to the court in which the criminal
10 proceeding is pending. For a competency evaluation of a defendant who
11 is released from custody, if the evaluation cannot be completed
12 within twenty-one days due to a lack of cooperation by the defendant,
13 the evaluator shall notify the court that he or she is unable to
14 complete the evaluation because of such lack of cooperation.

15 (ii) A copy of the report and recommendation shall be provided to
16 the designated mental health professional, the prosecuting attorney,
17 the defense attorney, and the professional person at the local
18 correctional facility where the defendant is being held, or if there
19 is no professional person, to the person designated under (a)(iv) of
20 this subsection. Upon request, the evaluator shall also provide
21 copies of any source documents relevant to the evaluation to the
22 designated mental health professional.

23 (iii) Any facility providing inpatient services related to
24 competency shall discharge the defendant as soon as the facility
25 determines that the defendant is competent to stand trial. Discharge
26 shall not be postponed during the writing and distribution of the
27 evaluation report. Distribution of an evaluation report by a facility
28 providing inpatient services shall ordinarily be accomplished within
29 two working days or less following the final evaluation of the
30 defendant. If the defendant is discharged to the custody of a local
31 correctional facility, the local correctional facility must continue
32 the medication regimen prescribed by the facility, when clinically
33 appropriate, unless the defendant refuses to cooperate with
34 medication and an involuntary medication order by the court has not
35 been entered.

36 (iv) If there is no professional person at the local correctional
37 facility, the local correctional facility shall designate a
38 professional person as defined in RCW 71.05.020 or, in cooperation
39 with the behavioral health organization, a professional person at the

1 behavioral health organization to receive the report and
2 recommendation.

3 (v) Upon commencement of a defendant's evaluation in the local
4 correctional facility, the local correctional facility must notify
5 the evaluator of the name of the professional person, or person
6 designated under (a)(iv) of this subsection, to receive the report
7 and recommendation.

8 (b) If the evaluator concludes, under RCW 10.77.060(3)(f), the
9 person should be evaluated by a designated mental health professional
10 under chapter 71.05 RCW, the court shall order such evaluation be
11 conducted prior to release from confinement when the person is
12 acquitted or convicted and sentenced to confinement for twenty-four
13 months or less, or when charges are dismissed pursuant to a finding
14 of incompetent to stand trial.

15 (2) The designated mental health professional shall provide
16 written notification within twenty-four hours of the results of the
17 determination whether to commence proceedings under chapter 71.05
18 RCW. The notification shall be provided to the persons identified in
19 subsection (1)(a) of this section.

20 (3) The prosecuting attorney shall provide a copy of the results
21 of any proceedings commenced by the designated mental health
22 professional under subsection (2) of this section to the secretary.

23 (4) A facility conducting a civil commitment evaluation under RCW
24 10.77.086(4) or 10.77.088(1)(~~(b)~~) (c)(ii) that makes a
25 determination to release the person instead of filing a civil
26 commitment petition must provide written notice to the prosecutor and
27 defense attorney at least twenty-four hours prior to release. The
28 notice may be given by electronic mail, facsimile, or other means
29 reasonably likely to communicate the information immediately.

30 (5) The fact of admission and all information and records
31 compiled, obtained, or maintained in the course of providing services
32 under this chapter may also be disclosed to the courts solely to
33 prevent the entry of any evaluation or treatment order that is
34 inconsistent with any order entered under chapter 71.05 RCW.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** If any provision of this act or its
36 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
37 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
38 persons or circumstances is not affected.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** Section 8 of this act expires April 1,
2 2016.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** Section 9 of this act takes effect April
4 1, 2016.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** Section 2 of this act is necessary for
6 the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or
7 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,
8 and takes effect immediately.

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