

and deposited in the state general fund. The legislature intends to appropriate an amount at least equal to the revenue generated by this fee for the purposes of the displaced homemaker act, chapter 28B.04 RCW;

For searching records per hour, eight dollars;

For recording plats, fifty cents for each lot except cemetery plats for which the charge shall be twenty-five cents per lot; also one dollar for each acknowledgment, dedication, and description: PROVIDED, That there shall be a minimum fee of twenty-five dollars per plat;

For recording of miscellaneous records, not listed above, for first legal size page, five dollars; for each additional legal size page, one dollar;

For modernization and improvement of the recording and indexing system, a surcharge as provided in section 3 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. Sections 2 through 5 of this act are each added to chapter 36.18 RCW.

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CHAPTER 205

[Second Substitute Senate Bill No. 5400]

COUNTY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

AN ACT Relating to mental health systems; amending RCW 71.24.015, 71.24.025, 71.24.035, 71.24.045, 71.24.160, 71.05.020, and 71.05.170; reenacting and amending RCW 42.17.310; adding new sections to chapter 71.24 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 71.05 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 72.23 RCW; creating new sections; repealing RCW 71.24.039 and 71.05.540; prescribing penalties; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 2, chapter 204, Laws of 1982 as amended by section 1, chapter 274, Laws of 1986 and RCW 71.24.015 are each amended to read as follows:

It is the intent of the legislature to establish a community mental health program which shall help people experiencing mental illness to retain a respected and productive position in the community. This will be accomplished through programs which provide((s)) for:

(1) Access to mental health services for adults and children of the state who are acutely mentally ill, seriously disturbed, or chronically mentally ill, which services recognize the special needs of underserved populations, including minorities, children, the elderly, disabled, and low-income persons. It is also the purpose of this chapter to ensure that children in need of mental health care and treatment receive the care and treatment appropriate to their developmental level, and to enable treatment decisions to be

made in response to clinical needs and in accordance with sound professional judgment while also recognizing parents' rights to participate in treatment decisions for their children;

(2) Accountability of services through state-wide standards for ((man-
agement;)) monitoring((;)) and reporting of information;

(3) Minimum service delivery standards;

(4) Priorities for the use of available resources for the care of the mentally ill;

(5) Coordination of services within the department, including those divisions within the department that provide services to children, between the department and the office of the superintendent of public instruction, and among state mental hospitals, county authorities, community mental health services, and other support services, which ((may)) shall to the maximum extent feasible also include the families of the mentally ill, and other service providers; and

(6) Coordination of services aimed at reducing duplication in service delivery and promoting complementary services among all entities that provide mental health services to adults and children.

It is the policy of the state to encourage the provision of a full range of treatment and rehabilitation services in the state for mental disorders. The legislature intends to encourage the development of county-based and county-managed mental health services with adequate local flexibility to assure eligible people in need of care access to the least-restrictive treatment alternative appropriate to their needs, and the availability of treatment components to assure continuity of care. To this end, counties are encouraged to enter into joint operating agreements with other counties to form regional systems of care which integrate planning, administration, and service delivery duties assigned to counties under chapters 71.05 and 71.24 RCW to consolidate administration, reduce administrative layering, and reduce administrative costs.

It is further the intent of the legislature to integrate the provision of services to provide continuity of care through all phases of treatment. To this end the legislature intends to promote active engagement with mentally ill persons and collaboration between families and service providers.

Sec. 2. Section 3, chapter 204, Laws of 1982 as amended by section 2, chapter 274, Laws of 1986 and RCW 71.24.025 are each amended to read as follows:

Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter.

(1) "Acutely mentally ill" means a condition which is limited to a short-term severe crisis episode of:

(a) A mental disorder as defined in RCW 71.05.020(2) or, in the case of a child, as defined in RCW 71.34.020(12);

(b) Being gravely disabled as defined in RCW 71.05.020(1) or, in the case of a child, as defined in RCW 71.34.020(8); or

(c) Presenting a likelihood of serious harm as defined in RCW 71.05.020(3) or, in the case of a child, as defined in RCW 71.34.020(11).

(2) "Available resources" means those funds which shall be appropriated under this chapter by the legislature during any biennium for the purpose of providing community mental health programs under RCW 71.24.045. When regional support networks are established or after July 1, 1995, "available resources" means federal funds, except those provided according to Title XIX of the social security act, and state funds appropriated under this chapter or chapter 71.05 RCW by the legislature during any biennium for the purpose of providing residential services, resource management services, community support services, and other mental health services. This does not include funds appropriated for the purpose of operating and administering the state psychiatric hospitals, except as negotiated according to section 5(1)(d) of this act.

(3) "Licensed service provider" means an entity licensed (~~by the department~~) according to this chapter or chapter 71.05 RCW that meets state minimum standards or individuals licensed under chapter 18.57, 18.71, 18.83, or 18.88 RCW.

(4) "Child" means a person under the age of eighteen years.

(5) "Chronically mentally ill person" means a child or adult who has a mental disorder, in the case of a child as defined by chapter 71.34 RCW, and meets at least one of the following criteria:

(a) Has undergone two or more episodes of hospital care for a mental disorder within the preceding two years or, in the case of a child, has been placed by the department or its designee two or more times outside of the home, where the placements are related to a mental disorder, as defined in chapter 71.34 RCW, and where the placements progress toward a more restrictive setting. Placements by the department include but are not limited to placements by child protective services and child welfare services;

(b) Has experienced a continuous psychiatric hospitalization or residential treatment exceeding six months' duration within the preceding year;

(c) Has been unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any mental disorder which has lasted for a continuous period of not less than twelve months. "Substantial gainful activity" shall be defined by the department by rule consistent with Public Law 92-603, as amended, and shall include school attendance in the case of a child; or

(d) In the case of a child, has been subjected to continual distress as indicated by repeated physical or sexual abuse or neglect.

(6) "Community mental health program" means all mental health services established by a county authority. After July 1, 1995, or when the regional support networks are established, "community mental health program" means all activities or programs using available resources.

(7) "Community support services" means services for acutely and chronically mentally ill persons and includes: (a) Discharge planning for clients leaving state mental hospitals, other acute care inpatient facilities, inpatient psychiatric facilities for persons under twenty-one years of age, and other children's mental health residential treatment facilities; (b) sufficient contacts with clients, families, schools, or significant others to provide for an effective program of community maintenance; and (c) medication monitoring. After July 1, 1995, or when regional support networks are established, for adults and children "community support services" means services authorized, planned, and coordinated through resource management services including, at least, assessment, diagnosis, emergency crisis intervention available twenty-four hours, seven days a week, prescreening determinations for mentally ill persons being considered for placement in nursing homes as required by federal law, screening for patients being considered for admission to residential services, investigation, legal, and other nonresidential services under chapter 71.05 RCW, case management services, psychiatric treatment including medication supervision, counseling, psychotherapy, assuring transfer of relevant patient information between service providers, other services determined by regional support networks, and maintenance of a patient tracking system for chronically mentally ill persons.

(8) "County authority" means the board of county commissioners, county council, or county executive having authority to establish a community mental health program, or two or more of the county authorities specified in this subsection which have entered into an agreement to provide a community mental health program.

~~((8))~~ (9) "Department" means the department of social and health services.

~~((9))~~ (10) "Mental health services" means community services pursuant to RCW 71.24.035(5)(b) and other services provided by the state for the mentally ill. When regional support networks are established, or after July 1, 1995, "mental health services" shall include all services provided by regional support networks.

~~((10))~~ (11) "Mentally ill persons" and "the mentally ill" mean persons and conditions defined in subsections (1), (5), and ~~((12))~~ (15) of this section.

~~((11))~~ (12) "Regional support network" means a county authority or group of county authorities recognized by the secretary that enter into joint operating agreements to contract with the secretary pursuant to this chapter.

(13) "Residential services" means a facility or distinct part thereof which provides food~~((, clothing,))~~ and shelter, and may include ~~((day))~~ treatment services ~~((as defined in RCW 71.24.045, for acutely mentally ill, chronically mentally ill, or seriously disturbed persons as defined in this~~

section. Such facilities include, but are not limited to, ~~congregate care facilities providing mental health client services as stipulated by contract with the department beginning January 1, 1982~~)).

When regional support networks are established, or after July 1, 1995, for adults and children "residential services" means a complete range of residences and supports authorized by resource management services and which may involve a facility, a distinct part thereof, or services which support community living, for acutely mentally ill persons, chronically mentally ill persons, or seriously disturbed persons determined by the regional support network to be at risk of becoming acutely or chronically mentally ill. The services shall include at least evaluation and treatment services as defined in chapter 71.05 RCW, acute crisis respite care, long-term adaptive and rehabilitative care, and supervised and supported living services, and shall also include any residential services developed to service mentally ill persons in nursing homes.

(14) "Resource management services" mean the planning, coordination, and authorization of residential services and community support services administered pursuant to an individual service plan for acutely mentally ill adults and children, chronically mentally ill adults and children, or seriously disturbed adults and children determined by the regional support network at their sole discretion to be at risk of becoming acutely or chronically mentally ill. Resource management services include seven day a week, twenty-four hour a day availability of information regarding mentally ill adults' and children's enrollment in services and their individual service plan to county-designated mental health professionals, evaluation and treatment facilities, and others as determined by the regional support network.

~~((12))~~ (15) "Seriously disturbed person" means a person who:

(a) Is gravely disabled or presents a likelihood of serious harm to ~~((himself))~~ oneself or others as a result of a mental disorder as defined in chapter 71.05 RCW;

(b) Has been on conditional release status at some time during the preceding two years from an evaluation and treatment facility or a state mental health hospital;

(c) Has a mental disorder which causes major impairment in several areas of daily living;

(d) Exhibits suicidal preoccupation or attempts; or

(e) Is a child diagnosed by a mental health professional, as defined in RCW 71.05.020, as experiencing a mental disorder which is clearly interfering with the child's functioning in family or school or with peers or is clearly interfering with the child's personality development and learning.

~~((13))~~ (16) "Secretary" means the secretary of social and health services.

~~((14))~~ (17) "State minimum standards" means: (a) Minimum requirements for ~~((management and))~~ delivery of mental health services as established by departmental rules and necessary to implement this chapter, including but not limited to ~~((county administration;))~~ licensing service providers ~~((; information, accountability, contracts;))~~ and services; ~~((and))~~ (b) minimum service requirements for licensed service providers for the provision of mental health services as established by departmental rules pursuant to chapter ~~((34.04))~~ 34.05 RCW as necessary to implement this chapter, including, but not limited to: Qualifications for staff providing services directly to mentally ill persons; the intended result of each service ~~((for those priority groups identified in RCW 71.24.035(5)(b)))~~; and the rights and responsibilities of persons receiving mental health services pursuant to this chapter; (c) minimum requirements for residential services as established by the department in rule based on clients' functional abilities and not solely on their diagnoses, limited to health and safety, staff qualifications, and program outcomes. Minimum requirements for residential services are those developed in collaboration with consumers, families, counties, regulators, and residential providers serving the mentally ill. Minimum requirements encourage the development of broad-range residential programs, including integrated housing and cross-systems programs where appropriate, and do not unnecessarily restrict programming flexibility; and (d) minimum standards for community support services and resource management services, including at least qualifications for resource management services, client tracking systems, and the transfer of patient information between service providers.

Sec. 3. Section 4, chapter 204, Laws of 1982 as last amended by section 1, chapter 105, Laws of 1987 and RCW 71.24.035 are each amended to read as follows:

- (1) The department is designated as the state mental health authority.
- (2) The secretary may provide for public, client, and licensed service provider participation in developing the state mental health program.
- (3) The secretary shall provide for participation in developing the state mental health program for children and other underserved populations, by including ~~((children's))~~ representatives on any committee established to provide oversight to the state mental health program.
- (4) The secretary shall be designated as the county authority if a county fails to meet state minimum standards or refuses to exercise responsibilities under RCW 71.24.045.
- (5) The secretary shall:
 - (a) Develop a biennial state mental health program that incorporates county biennial needs assessments and county mental health service plans and state services for mentally ill adults and children. The secretary may also develop a six-year state mental health plan;

(b) Assure that any county community mental health program provides access to treatment for the county's residents in the following order of priority: (i) The acutely mentally ill; (ii) the chronically mentally ill; and (iii) the seriously disturbed. Such programs shall provide:

(A) Outpatient services;

(B) Emergency care services for twenty-four hours per day;

(C) Day treatment for mentally ill persons which includes training in basic living and social skills, supported work, vocational rehabilitation, and day activities. Such services may include therapeutic treatment. In the case of a child, day treatment includes age-appropriate basic living and social skills, educational and prevocational services, day activities, and therapeutic treatment;

(D) Screening for patients being considered for admission to state mental health facilities to determine the appropriateness of admission;

(E) Consultation and education services; and

(F) Community support services (~~((for acutely and chronically mentally ill persons which include: (I) Discharge planning for clients leaving state mental hospitals, other acute care inpatient facilities, inpatient psychiatric facilities for persons under twenty-one years of age, and other children's mental health residential treatment facilities; (H) sufficient contacts with clients, families, schools, or significant others to provide for an effective program of community maintenance; and (H) medication monitoring.))~~);

(c) Develop and promulgate rules establishing state minimum standards for the ~~((management and))~~ delivery of mental health services including, but not limited to:

(i) Licensed service providers;

(ii) ~~((County administration))~~ Regional support networks; and

(iii) ~~((Information required to assure accountability of services delivered to the mentally ill; and~~

~~(iv))~~ Residential and inpatient services, ~~((if a county chooses to provide such optional services))~~ evaluation and treatment services and facilities under chapter 71.05 RCW, resource management services, and community support services;

(d) ~~((Assure coordination of services consistent with state minimum standards for individuals who are released from a state hospital into the community to assure a continuum of care;~~

~~(e))~~ Assure that the special needs of minorities, the elderly, disabled, children, and low-income persons are met within the priorities established in ~~((subsection (5)(b) of))~~ this section;

~~((f))~~ (e) Establish a standard contract or contracts, consistent with state minimum standards, which shall be used by the counties;

~~((g))~~ (f) Establish, to the extent possible, a standardized auditing procedure which minimizes paperwork requirements of county authorities and licensed service providers;

~~((h))~~ (g) Develop and maintain an information system to be used by the state ~~(and)~~, counties, and regional support networks when they are established which shall include a tracking method which allows the department and regional support networks to identify mental health clients' participation in any mental health service or public program on an immediate basis. The information system shall not include individual patient's case history files. Confidentiality of client information and records shall be maintained as provided in this chapter and in RCW 71.05.390, 71.05.400, 71.05.410, 71.05.420, 71.05.430, and 71.05.440. The system shall be fully operational no later than January 1, 1993: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That when a regional support network is established, the department shall have an operational interim tracking system for that network that will be adequate for the regional support network to perform its required duties under this chapter;

~~((i))~~ (h) License service providers who meet state minimum standards;

~~((j)) Establish criteria to evaluate the performance of counties in administering mental health programs as established under this chapter. Evaluation of community mental health services shall include all categories of illnesses treated, all types of treatment given, the number of people treated, and costs related thereto; and~~

~~((k))~~ (i) Certify regional support networks that meet state minimum standards;

(j) Periodically inspect certified regional support networks and licensed service providers at reasonable times and in a reasonable manner; and

(k) Fix fees to be paid by evaluation and treatment centers to the secretary for the required inspections;

(l) Monitor and audit counties, regional support networks, and licensed service providers as needed to assure compliance with contractual agreements authorized by this chapter;

(m) Prior to September 1, ~~((1982))~~ 1989, adopt such rules as are necessary to implement the department's responsibilities under this chapter pursuant to chapter ~~((34.04))~~ 34.05 RCW: PROVIDED, That such rules shall be submitted to the appropriate committees of the legislature for review and comment prior to adoption; and

(n) Beginning July 1, 1989, and continuing through July 1, 1993, track by region and county the use and cost of state hospital and local evaluation and treatment facilities for seventy-two hour detention, fourteen, ninety, and one hundred eighty day commitments pursuant to chapter 71.05 RCW, voluntary care in state hospitals, and voluntary community inpatient care covered by the medical assistance program. Service use and cost reports shall be provided to regions in a timely fashion at six-month intervals.

(6) The secretary shall use available resources appropriated specifically for community mental health programs only for programs under RCW 71.24.045. After July 1, 1995, or when regional support networks are established, available resources may be used only for regional support networks.

(7) Each certified regional support network and licensed service provider shall file with the secretary, on request, such data, statistics, schedules, and information as the secretary reasonably requires. A certified regional support network or licensed service provider which, without good cause, fails to furnish any data, statistics, schedules, or information as requested, or files fraudulent reports thereof, may have its certification or license revoked or suspended.

(8) The secretary may suspend, revoke, limit, or restrict a certification or license, or refuse to grant a certification or license for failure to conform to the law, applicable rules and regulations, or applicable standards, or failure to meet the minimum standards established pursuant to this section.

(9) The superior court may restrain any regional support network or service provider from operating without certification or a license or any other violation of this section. The court may also review, pursuant to procedures contained in chapter 34.05 RCW, any denial, suspension, limitation, restriction, or revocation of certification or license, and grant other relief required to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

(10) Upon petition by the secretary, and after hearing held upon reasonable notice to the facility, the superior court may issue a warrant to an officer or employee of the secretary authorizing him or her to enter at reasonable times, and examine the records, books, and accounts of any regional support network or service provider refusing to consent to inspection or examination by the authority.

(11) The secretary shall adopt such rules as may be necessary to effectuate the intent and purposes of this chapter, which shall include but not be limited to certification and licensing and other action relevant to certifying regional support networks and licensing service providers.

(12) Notwithstanding the existence or pursuit of any other remedy, the secretary may, in the manner provided by law, upon the advice of the attorney general who shall represent the secretary in the proceedings, maintain an action in the name of the state for an injunction or other process against any person or governmental unit to restrain or prevent the establishment, conduct, or operation of a regional support network or service provider without certification or a license under this chapter.

(13) The standards for certification of evaluation and treatment facilities shall include standards relating to maintenance of good physical and mental health and other services to be afforded persons pursuant to this chapter and chapter 71.05 RCW, and shall otherwise assure the effectuation of the purposes and intent of this chapter and chapter 71.05 RCW.

(14)(a) The department, in consultation with affected parties, shall establish a distribution formula that reflects county needs assessments based on the number of persons who are acutely mentally ill, chronically mentally ill, and seriously disturbed as defined in chapter 71.24 RCW. The formula shall take into consideration the impact on counties of demographic factors in counties which result in concentrations of priority populations as defined in ~~((chapter 71.24 RCW))~~ subsection (15) of this section. These factors shall include the population concentrations resulting from commitments under the involuntary treatment act, chapter 71.05 RCW, to state psychiatric hospitals, as well as concentration in urban areas, at border crossings at state boundaries, and other significant demographic and workload factors.

(b) The department shall submit a proposed distribution formula in accordance with this section to the ways and means and ~~((human services))~~ health care and corrections committees of the senate and to the ways and means and human services committees of the house of representatives by ~~((January 1, 1988))~~ October 1, 1989. The formula shall also include a projection of the funding allocations that will result for each county, which specifies allocations according to priority populations, including the allocation for services to children and other underserved populations.

(15) To supersede duties assigned under subsection (5) (a) and (b) of this section, and to assure a county-based, integrated system of care for acutely mentally ill adults and children, chronically mentally ill adults and children, and seriously disturbed adults and children who are determined by regional support networks at their sole discretion to be at risk of becoming acutely or chronically mentally ill, the secretary shall encourage the development of regional support networks as follows:

By December 1, 1989, the secretary shall recognize regional support networks requested by counties or groups of counties.

All counties wishing to be recognized as a regional support network on December 1, 1989, shall submit their intentions regarding participation in the regional support networks by October 30, 1989, along with preliminary plans. Counties wishing to be recognized as a regional support network by January 1, 1993, shall submit their intentions by November 30, 1992, along with preliminary plans. The secretary shall assume all duties assigned to the nonparticipating counties under chapters 71.05 and 71.24 RCW on July 1, 1995. Such responsibilities shall include those which would have been assigned to the nonparticipating counties under regional support networks.

The implementation of regional support networks, or the secretary's assumption of all responsibilities under chapters 71.05 and 71.24 RCW, shall be included in all state and federal plans affecting the state mental health program including at least those required by this chapter, the medic-aid program, and P.L. 99-660. Nothing in these plans shall be inconsistent with the intent and requirements of this chapter.

(16) The secretary shall:

(a) Disburse the first funds for the regional support networks that are ready to begin implementation by January 1, 1990, or within sixty days of approval of the biennial contract. The department must either approve or reject the biennial contract within sixty days of receipt.

(b) Enter into biennial contracts with regional support networks to begin implementation between January 1, 1990, and March 1, 1990, and complete implementation by June 1995. The contracts shall be consistent with available resources. No contract shall be approved that does not include progress toward meeting the goals of this 1989 act by taking responsibility for: (i) Short-term commitments; (ii) residential care; and (iii) emergency response systems.

(c) By July 1, 1993, allocate one hundred percent of available resources to regional support networks created by January 1, 1990, in a single grant. Regional support networks created by January 1, 1993, shall receive a single block grant by July 1, 1995. The grants shall include funds currently provided for all residential services, all services pursuant to chapter 71.05 RCW, and all community support services and shall be distributed in accordance with a formula submitted to the legislature by January 1, 1993, in accordance with subsection (14) of this section.

(d) By January 1, 1990, allocate available resources to regional support networks for community support services, resource management services, and residential services excluding evaluation and treatment facilities provided pursuant to chapter 71.05 RCW in a single grant using the distribution formula established in subsection (14) of this section.

(e) By March 1, 1990, or within sixty days of approval of the contract continuing through July 1, 1993, provide grants as specifically appropriated by the legislature to regional support networks for evaluation and treatment facilities for persons detained or committed for periods up to seventeen days according to chapter 71.05 RCW. For regional support networks created by January 1, 1993, provide grants as specifically appropriated by the legislature to regional support networks for evaluation and treatment facilities for persons detained or committed for periods up to seventeen days according to chapter 71.05 RCW through July 1, 1995.

(f) Notify regional support networks of their allocation of available resources at least sixty days prior to the start of a new biennial contract period.

(g) Study and report to the legislature by December 1, 1989, on expanding the use of federal Title XIX funds and the definition of institutions for mental diseases to provide services to persons who are acutely mentally ill, chronically mentally ill, or at risk of becoming so. The study shall also include an assessment of the impact of Title XIX funds and the definition of institutions for mental diseases on the use of state funds to provide needed mental health services to the chronically mentally ill.

(h) Deny funding allocations to regional support networks based solely upon formal findings of noncompliance with the terms of the regional support network's contract with the department. Written notice and at least thirty days for corrective action must precede any such action. In such cases, regional support networks shall have full rights to appeal under chapter 34.05 RCW.

(i) Identify in its departmental biennial operating and capital budget requests the funds requested by regional support networks to implement their responsibilities under this chapter.

(j) Contract to provide or, if requested, make grants to counties to provide technical assistance to county authorities or groups of county authorities to develop regional support networks.

(17) The department of social and health services, in cooperation with the state congressional delegation, shall actively seek waivers of federal requirements and such modifications of federal regulations as are necessary to allow federal medicaid reimbursement for services provided by free-standing evaluation and treatment facilities certified under chapter 71.05 RCW. The department shall periodically report its efforts to the health care and corrections committee of the senate and the human services committee of the house of representatives.

(18) The secretary shall establish a task force to examine the recruitment, training, and compensation of qualified mental health professionals in the community, which shall include the advantages and disadvantages of establishing a training academy, loan forgiveness program, or educational stipends offered in exchange for commitments of employment in mental health. The task force shall report back to the appropriate committees of the legislature by January 1, 1990.

Sec. 4. Section 5, chapter 204, Laws of 1982 as amended by section 5, chapter 274, Laws of 1986 and RCW 71.24.045 are each amended to read as follows:

The county authority shall:

(1) Submit biennial needs assessments beginning January 1, 1983, and mental health service plans which incorporate all services provided for by the county authority consistent with state minimum standards and which provide access to treatment for the county's residents including children and other underserved populations who are acutely mentally ill, chronically mentally ill, or seriously disturbed. The county program shall provide:

(a) Outpatient services;

(b) Emergency care services for twenty-four hours per day;

(c) Day treatment for mentally ill persons which includes training in basic living and social skills, supported work, vocational rehabilitation, and day activities. Such services may include therapeutic treatment. In the case of a child, day treatment includes age-appropriate basic living and social

skills, educational and prevocational services, day activities, and therapeutic treatment;

(d) Screening for patients being considered for admission to state mental health facilities to determine appropriateness of admission;

(e) Consultation and education services;

(f) Residential and inpatient services, if the county chooses to provide such optional services; and

(g) Community support services ~~((for acutely and chronically mentally ill persons which include: (i) Discharge planning for clients leaving state mental hospitals, other acute care inpatient facilities, inpatient psychiatric facilities for persons under twenty-one years of age, and other children's mental health residential treatment facilities; (ii) sufficient contacts with clients, schools, families, or significant others to provide for an effective program of community maintenance; and (iii) medication monitoring)).~~

The county shall develop the biennial needs assessment based on clients to be served, services to be provided, and the cost of those services, and may include input from the public, clients, and licensed service providers. Each county authority may appoint a county mental health advisory board which shall review and provide comments on plans and policies developed by the county authority under this chapter. The composition of the board shall be broadly representative of the demographic character of the county and the mentally ill persons served therein. Length of terms of board members shall be determined by the county authority;

(2) Contract as needed with licensed service providers. The county authority may, in the absence of a licensed service provider entity, become a licensed service provider entity pursuant to minimum standards required for licensing by the department for the purpose of providing services not available from licensed service providers;

(3) Operate as a licensed service provider if it deems that doing so is more efficient and cost effective than contracting for services. When doing so, the county authority shall comply with rules promulgated by the secretary that shall provide measurements to determine when a county provided service is more efficient and cost effective. ~~((Whenever a county authority chooses to operate as a licensed service provider, the secretary shall act as the county authority for that service:))~~

(4) Monitor and perform biennial fiscal audits of licensed service providers who have contracted with the county to provide services required by this chapter. The monitoring and audits shall be performed by means of a formal process which insures that the licensed service providers and professionals designated in this subsection meet the terms of their contracts, including the minimum standards of ~~((management and))~~ service delivery as established by the department;

(5) Assure that the special needs of minorities, the elderly, disabled, children, and low-income persons are met within the priorities established in ~~((RCW 71.24.035(5)(b)))~~ this chapter;

(6) Maintain patient tracking information in a central location ~~((for the chronically mentally ill))~~ as required for resource management services;

(7) Use not more than two percent of state-appropriated community mental health funds, which shall not include federal funds, to administer community mental health programs under RCW 71.24.155: PROVIDED, That county authorities serving a county or combination of counties whose population is equal to or greater than that of a county of the first class may be entitled to sufficient state-appropriated community mental health funds to employ up to one full-time employee or the equivalent thereof in addition to the two percent limit established in this subsection when such employee is providing staff services to a county mental health advisory board;

(8) Coordinate services for individuals who have received services through the community mental health system and who become patients at a state mental hospital.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 71.24 RCW to read as follows:

A county authority or a group of county authorities whose combined population is no less than forty thousand may enter into a joint operating agreement to form a regional support network. The roles and responsibilities of county authorities shall be determined by the terms of that agreement and the provisions of law. The state mental health authority may not determine the roles and responsibilities of county authorities as to each other under regional support networks by rule, except to assure that all duties required of regional support networks are assigned and that a single authority has final responsibility for all available resources and performance under the regional support network's contract with the secretary.

(1) Regional support networks shall within three months of recognition submit an overall six-year operating and capital plan, timeline, and budget and submit progress reports and an updated two-year plan biennially thereafter, to assume within available resources all of the following duties by July 1, 1995, instead of those presently assigned to counties under RCW 71.24.045(1):

(a) Administer and provide for the availability of all resource management services, residential services, and community support services.

(b) Administer and provide for the availability of all investigation, transportation, court-related, and other services provided by the state or counties pursuant to chapter 71.05 RCW.

(c) By July 1, 1993, provide within the boundaries of each regional support network evaluation and treatment services for at least eighty-five percent of persons detained or committed for periods up to seventeen days

according to chapter 71.05 RCW. Regional support networks with populations of less than one hundred fifty thousand may contract to purchase evaluation and treatment services from other networks. For regional support networks that are created after June 30, 1991, the requirements of (c) of this subsection must be met by July 1, 1995.

(d) By July 1, 1993, administer a portion of funds appropriated by the legislature to house mentally ill persons in state institutions from counties within the boundaries of any regional support network, with the exception of mentally ill offenders, and provide for the care of all persons needing evaluation and treatment services for periods up to seventeen days according to chapter 71.05 RCW in appropriate residential services, which may include state institutions. The regional support networks shall reimburse the state for use of state institutions at a rate equal to that assumed by the legislature when appropriating funds for such care at state institutions during the biennium when reimbursement occurs. The duty of a state hospital to accept persons for evaluation and treatment under chapter 71.05 RCW is limited by the responsibilities assigned to regional support networks under this section. For regional support networks that are created after June 30, 1991, the requirements of (d) of this subsection must be met by July 1, 1995.

(e) Administer and provide for the availability of all other mental health services, which shall include patient counseling, day treatment, consultation, education services, and mental health services to children as provided in this chapter.

(f) Establish standards and procedures for reviewing individual service plans and determining when that person may be discharged from resource management services.

(2) Regional support networks shall assume all duties assigned to county authorities by this chapter and chapter 71.05 RCW.

(3) A regional support network may request that any state-owned land, building, facility, or other capital asset which was ever purchased, deeded, given, or placed in trust for the care of the mentally ill and which is within the boundaries of a regional support network be made available to support the operations of the regional support network. State agencies managing such capital assets shall give first priority to requests for their use pursuant to this chapter.

(4) Each regional support network shall appoint a mental health advisory board which shall review and provide comments on plans and policies developed under this chapter. The composition of the board shall be broadly representative of the demographic character of the region and the mentally ill persons served therein. Length of terms of board members shall be determined by the regional support network.

(5) Regional support networks shall assume all duties specified in their plans and joint operating agreements through biennial contractual agreements with the secretary.

(6) Counties or groups of counties participating in a regional support network are not subject to RCW 71.24.045(7). The office of financial management shall consider information gathered in studies required in this chapter and information about the experience of other states to propose a mental health services administrative cost lid to the 1991 legislature which shall include administrative costs of licensed service providers, the state psychiatric hospitals and the department.

(7) The first regional support network contract may include a pilot project to: Establish standards and procedures for (a) making referrals for comprehensive medical examinations and treatment programs for those whose mental illness is caused or exacerbated by organic disease, and (b) training staff in recognizing the relationship between mental illness and organic disease.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 71.24 RCW to read as follows:

The legislature finds that administration of chapter 71.05 RCW and this chapter can be most efficiently and effectively implemented as part of the regional support network defined in RCW 71.24.025. For this reason, the legislature intends that any enhanced program funding for implementation of chapter 71.05 RCW or this chapter, except for funds allocated for implementation of mandatory state-wide programs as required by federal statute, be made available primarily to those counties participating in regional support networks.

Sec. 7. Section 16, chapter 111, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. as amended by section 10, chapter 204, Laws of 1982 and RCW 71.24.160 are each amended to read as follows:

The county authority shall make satisfactory showing to the secretary that state funds shall in no case be used to replace local funds from any source being used to finance mental health services prior to January 1, (~~1982~~) 1990.

Sec. 8. Section 7, chapter 142, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. as amended by section 5, chapter 215, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. and RCW 71.05.020 are each amended to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Gravely disabled" means a condition in which a person, as a result of a mental disorder: (a) Is in danger of serious physical harm resulting from a failure to provide for his essential human needs of health or safety, or (b) manifests severe deterioration in routine functioning evidenced by repeated and escalating loss of cognitive or volitional control over his or her

actions and is not receiving such care as is essential for his or her health or safety;

(2) "Mental disorder" means any organic, mental, or emotional impairment which has substantial adverse effects on an individual's cognitive or volitional functions;

(3) "Likelihood of serious harm" means either: (a) A substantial risk that physical harm will be inflicted by an individual upon his own person, as evidenced by threats or attempts to commit suicide or inflict physical harm on one's self, (b) a substantial risk that physical harm will be inflicted by an individual upon another, as evidenced by behavior which has caused such harm or which places another person or persons in reasonable fear of sustaining such harm, or (c) a substantial risk that physical harm will be inflicted by an individual upon the property of others, as evidenced by behavior which has caused substantial loss or damage to the property of others;

(4) "Peace officer" means a law enforcement official of a public agency or governmental unit, and includes persons specifically given peace officer powers by any state law, local ordinance, or judicial order of appointment;

(5) "Judicial commitment" means a commitment by a court pursuant to the provisions of this chapter;

(6) "Public agency" means any evaluation and treatment facility or institution, hospital, or sanitarium which is conducted for, or includes a department or ward conducted for, the care and treatment of persons who are mentally ill or deranged, if the agency is operated directly by, federal, state, county, or municipal government, or a combination of such governments;

(7) "Private agency" means any person, partnership, corporation, or association not defined as a public agency, whether or not financed in whole or in part by public funds, which constitutes an evaluation and treatment facility or private institution, hospital, or sanitarium, which is conducted for, or includes a department or ward conducted for the care and treatment of persons who are mentally ill;

(8) "Attending staff" means any person on the staff of a public or private agency having responsibility for the care and treatment of a patient;

(9) "Department" means the department of social and health services of the state of Washington;

(10) "Resource management services" has the meaning given in chapter 71.24 RCW;

(11) "Secretary" means the secretary of the department of social and health services, or his designee;

((++)) (12) "Mental health professional" means a psychiatrist, psychologist, psychiatric nurse, or social worker, and such other mental health professionals as may be defined by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary pursuant to the provisions of this chapter;

~~((12))~~ (13) "Professional person" shall mean a mental health professional, as above defined, and shall also mean a physician, registered nurse, and such others as may be defined by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary pursuant to the provisions of this chapter;

~~((13))~~ (14) "Psychiatrist" means a person having a license as a physician and surgeon in this state who has in addition completed three years of graduate training in psychiatry in a program approved by the American medical association or the American osteopathic association;

~~((14))~~ (15) "Psychologist" means a person who has been licensed as a psychologist pursuant to chapter 18.83 RCW;

~~((15))~~ (16) "Social worker" means a person with a master's or further advanced degree from an accredited school of social work or a degree from a graduate school deemed equivalent under rules and regulations adopted by the secretary;

~~((16))~~ (17) "Evaluation and treatment facility" means any facility which can provide directly, or by direct arrangement with other public or private agencies, emergency evaluation and treatment, outpatient care, and short term inpatient care to persons suffering from a mental disorder, and which is certified as such by the department of social and health services: PROVIDED, That a physically separate and separately operated portion of a state hospital may be designated as an evaluation and treatment facility: PROVIDED FURTHER, That a facility which is part of, or operated by, the department of social and health services or any federal agency will not require certification: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That no correctional institution or facility, or jail, shall be an evaluation and treatment facility within the meaning of this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. A new section is added to chapter 71.05 RCW to read as follows:

The legislature intends that the procedures and services authorized in this chapter be integrated with those in chapter 71.24 RCW to the maximum extent necessary to assure a continuum of care to persons who are mentally ill or who have mental disorders, as defined in either or both this chapter and chapter 71.24 RCW. To this end, regional support networks established in accordance with chapter 71.24 RCW shall institute procedures which require timely consultation with resource management services by county-designated mental health professionals and evaluation and treatment facilities to assure that determinations to detain, commit, treat, or release persons with mental disorders under this chapter are made only after appropriate information regarding such person's treatment history and current treatment plan has been sought from resource management services.

Sec. 10. Section 22, chapter 142, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. as amended by section 10, chapter 145, Laws of 1974 ex. sess. and RCW 71.05.170 are each amended to read as follows:

Whenever the designated county mental health professional petitions for detention of a person whose actions constitute a likelihood of serious harm to himself or others, or who is gravely disabled, the facility providing seventy-two hour evaluation and treatment must immediately accept on a provisional basis the petition and the person. The facility shall then evaluate the person's condition and admit or release such person in accordance with RCW 71.05.210. The facility shall notify in writing the court and the designated county mental health professional of the date and time of the initial detention of each person involuntarily detained in order that a probable cause hearing shall be held no later than seventy-two hours after detention.

The duty of a state hospital to accept persons for evaluation and treatment under this section shall be limited by chapter 71.24 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 11. As used in this chapter or chapter 71.24 or 10.77 RCW, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings indicated.

(1) "Registration records" include all the records of the department, regional support networks, treatment facilities, and other persons providing services to the department, county departments, or facilities which identify individuals who are receiving or who at any time have received services for mental illness.

(2) "Treatment records" include registration and all other records concerning individuals who are receiving or who at any time have received services for mental illness, which are maintained by the department, by regional support networks and their staffs, and by treatment facilities. Treatment records do not include notes or records maintained for personal use by an individual providing treatment services for the department, regional support networks, or a treatment facility if the notes or records are not available to others.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. (1) Informed consent for disclosure of information from court or treatment records to an individual, agency, or organization must be in writing and must contain the following information:

(a) The name of the individual, agency, or organization to which the disclosure is to be made;

(b) The name of the individual whose treatment record is being disclosed;

(c) The purpose or need for the disclosure;

(d) The specific type of information to be disclosed;

(e) The time period during which the consent is effective;

(f) The date on which the consent is signed; and

(g) The signature of the individual or person legally authorized to give consent for the individual.

(2) The files and records of court proceedings under chapter 71.05 RCW shall be closed but shall be accessible to any individual who is the

subject of a petition and to the individual's attorney, guardian ad litem, resource management services, or service providers authorized to receive such information by resource management services.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. (1) Except as otherwise provided by law, all treatment records shall remain confidential. Treatment records may be released only to the persons designated in this section, or to other persons designated in an informed written consent of the patient.

(2) Treatment records of an individual may be released without informed written consent in the following circumstances:

(a) To an individual, organization, or agency as necessary for management or financial audits, or program monitoring and evaluation. Information obtained under this subsection shall remain confidential and may not be used in a manner that discloses the name or other identifying information about the individual whose records are being released.

(b) To the department, the director of regional support networks, or a qualified staff member designated by the director only when necessary to be used for billing or collection purposes. The information shall remain confidential.

(c) For purposes of research as permitted in chapter 42.48 RCW.

(d) Pursuant to lawful order of a court.

(e) To qualified staff members of the department, to the director of regional support networks, to resource management services responsible for serving a patient, or to service providers designated by resource management services as necessary to determine the progress and adequacy of treatment and to determine whether the person should be transferred to a less restrictive or more appropriate treatment modality or facility. The information shall remain confidential.

(f) Within the treatment facility where the patient is receiving treatment, confidential information may be disclosed to individuals employed, serving in bona fide training programs, or participating in supervised volunteer programs, at the facility when it is necessary to perform their duties.

(g) Within the department as necessary to coordinate treatment for mental illness, developmental disabilities, alcoholism, or drug abuse of individuals who are under the supervision of the department.

(h) To a licensed physician who has determined that the life or health of the individual is in danger and that treatment without the information contained in the treatment records could be injurious to the patient's health. Disclosure shall be limited to the portions of the records necessary to meet the medical emergency.

(i) To a facility that is to receive an individual who is involuntarily committed under chapter 71.05 RCW, or upon transfer of the individual from one treatment facility to another. The release of records under this subsection shall be limited to the treatment records required by law, a record or summary of all somatic treatments, and a discharge summary.

The discharge summary may include a statement of the patient's problem, the treatment goals, the type of treatment which has been provided, and recommendation for future treatment, but may not include the patient's complete treatment record.

(j) Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 71.05.390(7), to a correctional facility or a corrections officer who is responsible for the supervision of an individual who is receiving inpatient or outpatient evaluation or treatment. Every person who is under the supervision of the department of corrections who receives evaluation or treatment under chapter 9.94A RCW shall be notified of the provisions of this section by the individual's corrections officer. Release of records under this section is limited to:

(i) An evaluation report provided pursuant to a written supervision plan.

(ii) The discharge summary, including a record or summary of all somatic treatments, at the termination of any treatment provided as part of the supervision plan.

(iii) When an individual is returned from a treatment facility to a correctional facility, the information provided under (j)(iv) of this subsection.

(iv) Any information necessary to establish or implement changes in the individual's treatment plan or the level or kind of supervision as determined by resource management services. In cases involving a person transferred back to a correctional facility, disclosure shall be made to clinical staff only. In cases involving a person under supervision of the department of corrections, disclosure shall be made to the supervising corrections officer only.

(k) To the individual's counsel or guardian ad litem, without modification, at any time in order to prepare for involuntary commitment or recommitment proceedings, reexaminations, appeals, or other actions relating to detention, admission, commitment, or patient's rights under chapter 71.05 RCW.

(l) To a corrections officer of the department who has custody of or is responsible for the supervision of an individual who is transferred or discharged from a treatment facility.

(m) To staff members of the protection and advocacy agency or to staff members of a private, nonprofit corporation for the purpose of protecting and advocating the rights of persons with mental illness or developmental disabilities. Resource management services may limit the release of information to the name, birthdate, and county of residence of the patient, information regarding whether the patient was voluntarily admitted, or involuntarily committed, the date and place of admission, placement, or commitment, the name and address of a guardian of the patient, and the date and place of the guardian's appointment. Any staff member who wishes to obtain additional information shall notify the patient's resource management services in writing of the request and of the resource management

services' right to object. The staff member shall send the notice by mail to the guardian's address. If the guardian does not object in writing within fifteen days after the notice is mailed, the staff member may obtain the additional information. If the guardian objects in writing within fifteen days after the notice is mailed, the staff member may not obtain the additional information.

(3) Whenever federal law or federal regulations restrict the release of information contained in the treatment records of any patient who receives treatment for alcoholism or drug dependency, the department may restrict the release of the information as necessary to comply with federal law and regulations.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. (1) Procedures shall be established by resource management services to provide reasonable and timely access to individual treatment records. However, access may not be denied at any time to records of all medications and somatic treatments received by the individual.

(2) Following discharge, the individual shall have a right to a complete record of all medications and somatic treatments prescribed during admission or commitment and to a copy of the discharge summary prepared at the time of his or her discharge. A reasonable and uniform charge for reproduction may be assessed.

(3) Treatment records may be modified prior to inspection to protect the confidentiality of other patients or the names of any other persons referred to in the record who gave information on the condition that his or her identity remain confidential. Entire documents may not be withheld to protect such confidentiality.

(4) At the time of discharge all individuals shall be informed by resource management services of their rights as provided in sections 10 through 19 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 15. Each time written information is released from a treatment record, the record's custodian shall make a notation in the record including the following: The name of the person to whom the information was released; the identification of the information released; the purpose of the release; and the date of the release. The patient shall have access to this release data.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 16. Nothing in this act shall be construed to interfere with communications between physicians or psychologists and patients and attorneys and clients.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 17. Any person, including the state or any political subdivision of the state, violating sections 10 through 19 of this act shall be subject to the provisions of RCW 71.05.440.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 18. Any person who requests or obtains confidential information pursuant to sections 10 through 19 of this act under false pretenses shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 19. The department shall adopt rules to implement sections 10 through 18 of this act.

Sec. 20. Section 2, chapter 107, Laws of 1987, section 1, chapter 337, Laws of 1987, section 16, chapter 370, Laws of 1987, section 1, chapter 404, Laws of 1987 and section 10, chapter 411, Laws of 1987 and RCW 42.17.310 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) The following are exempt from public inspection and copying:

(a) Personal information in any files maintained for students in public schools, patients or clients of public institutions or public health agencies, or welfare recipients (~~(, prisoners, probationers, or parolees)~~).

(b) Personal information in files maintained for employees, appointees, or elected officials of any public agency to the extent that disclosure would violate their right to privacy.

(c) Information required of any taxpayer in connection with the assessment or collection of any tax if the disclosure of the information to other persons would (i) be prohibited to such persons by RCW 82.32.330 or (ii) violate the taxpayer's right to privacy or result in unfair competitive disadvantage to the taxpayer.

(d) Specific intelligence information and specific investigative records compiled by investigative, law enforcement, and penology agencies, and state agencies vested with the responsibility to discipline members of any profession, the nondisclosure of which is essential to effective law enforcement or for the protection of any person's right to privacy.

(e) Information revealing the identity of persons who file complaints with investigative, law enforcement, or penology agencies, other than the public disclosure commission, if disclosure would endanger any person's life, physical safety, or property: **PROVIDED**, That if at the time the complaint is filed the complainant indicates a desire for disclosure or nondisclosure, such desire shall govern: **PROVIDED, FURTHER**, That all complaints filed with the public disclosure commission about any elected official or candidate for public office must be made in writing and signed by the complainant under oath.

(f) Test questions, scoring keys, and other examination data used to administer a license, employment, or academic examination.

(g) Except as provided by chapter 8.26 RCW, the contents of real estate appraisals, made for or by any agency relative to the acquisition or sale of property, until the project or prospective sale is abandoned or until such time as all of the property has been acquired or the property to which the sale appraisal relates is sold, but in no event shall disclosure be denied for more than three years after the appraisal.

(h) Valuable formulae, designs, drawings, and research data obtained by any agency within five years of the request for disclosure when disclosure would produce private gain and public loss.

(i) Preliminary drafts, notes, recommendations, and intra-agency memorandums in which opinions are expressed or policies formulated or recommended except that a specific record shall not be exempt when publicly cited by an agency in connection with any agency action.

(j) Records which are relevant to a controversy to which an agency is a party but which records would not be available to another party under the rules of pretrial discovery for causes pending in the superior courts.

(k) Records, maps, or other information identifying the location of archaeological sites in order to avoid the looting or depredation of such sites.

(l) Any library record, the primary purpose of which is to maintain control of library materials, or to gain access to information, which discloses or could be used to disclose the identity of a library user.

(m) Financial information supplied by or on behalf of a person, firm, or corporation for the purpose of qualifying to submit a bid or proposal for (a) a ferry system construction or repair contract as required by RCW 47.60.680 through 47.60.750 or (b) highway construction or improvement as required by RCW 47.28.070.

(n) Railroad company contracts filed with the utilities and transportation commission under RCW 81.34.070, except that the summaries of the contracts are open to public inspection and copying as otherwise provided by this chapter.

(o) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by private persons pertaining to export services provided pursuant to chapter 53.31 RCW.

(p) Financial disclosures filed by private vocational schools under chapter 28C.10 RCW.

(q) Records filed with the utilities and transportation commission or attorney general under RCW 80.04.095 that a court has determined are confidential under RCW 80.04.095.

(r) Financial and commercial information and records supplied by businesses during application for loans or program services provided by chapters 43.31, 43.63A, and 43.168 RCW.

(s) Membership lists or lists of members or owners of interests of units in timeshare projects, subdivisions, camping resorts, condominiums, land developments, or common-interest communities affiliated with such projects, regulated by the department of licensing, in the files or possession of the department.

(t) Except as provided under section 2 of this 1987 act [1987 c 404 § 2], all applications for public employment, including the names of applicants, resumes, and other related materials submitted with respect to an applicant.

(u) The residential addresses and residential telephone numbers of employees or volunteers of a public agency which are held by the agency in personnel records, employment or volunteer rosters, or mailing lists of employees or volunteers.

(v) The residential addresses and residential telephone numbers of the customers of a public utility contained in the records or lists held by the public utility of which they are customers.

(w) Information obtained by the board of pharmacy as provided in RCW 69.45.090.

(2) Except for information described in subsection (1)(c)(i) of this section and confidential income data exempted from public inspection pursuant to RCW 84.40.020, the exemptions of this section are inapplicable to the extent that information, the disclosure of which would violate personal privacy or vital governmental interests, can be deleted from the specific records sought. No exemption may be construed to permit the nondisclosure of statistical information not descriptive of any readily identifiable person or persons.

(3) Inspection or copying of any specific records exempt under the provisions of this section may be permitted if the superior court in the county in which the record is maintained finds, after a hearing with notice thereof to every person in interest and the agency, that the exemption of such records is clearly unnecessary to protect any individual's right of privacy or any vital governmental function.

(4) Agency responses refusing, in whole or in part, inspection of any public record shall include a statement of the specific exemption authorizing the withholding of the record (or part) and a brief explanation of how the exemption applies to the record withheld.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 21. A new section is added to chapter 72.23 RCW to read as follows:

(1) It is the intent of the legislature to improve the quality of service at state hospitals, eliminate overcrowding, and more specifically define the role of the state hospitals. The legislature intends that eastern and western state hospitals shall become clinical centers for handling the most complicated long-term care needs. Over the next six years, their involvement in providing short-term and acute care shall be diminished in accordance with the revised responsibilities for mental health care under chapter 71.24 RCW. The legislature finds that establishment of the eastern state hospital board, the western state hospital board, and institutes for the study and treatment of mental disorders at both eastern state hospital and western state hospital will be instrumental in implementing the legislative intent.

(2)(a) The eastern state hospital board and the western state hospital board are each established. Members of the boards shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate. Each board shall include:

(i) The director of the institute for the study and treatment of mental disorders established at the hospital;

(ii) One family member of a current or recent hospital resident;

(iii) One consumer of services;

(iv) One community mental health service provider;

(v) Two citizens with no financial or professional interest in mental health services;

(vi) One representative of the regional support network in which the hospital is located;

(vii) One representative from the staff who is a physician;

(viii) One representative from the nursing staff;

(ix) One representative from the other professional staff;

(x) One representative from the nonprofessional staff; and

(xi) One representative of a minority community.

(b) At least one representative listed in (a) (viii), (ix), or (x) of this subsection shall be a union member.

(c) Members shall serve four-year terms. Members of the board shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 and shall receive compensation as provided in RCW 43.03.240.

(3) The boards established under this section shall:

(a) Monitor the operation and activities of the hospital;

(b) Review and advise on the hospital budget;

(c) Make recommendations to the governor and the legislature for improving the quality of service provided by the hospital;

(d) Monitor and review the activities of the hospital in implementing the intent of the legislature set forth in this section;

(e) Report periodically to the governor and the legislature on the implementation of the legislative intent set forth in this section; and

(f) Consult with the secretary regarding persons the secretary may select as the superintendent of the hospital whenever a vacancy occurs.

(4)(a) There is established at eastern state hospital and western state hospital, institutes for the study and treatment of mental disorders. The institutes shall be operated by joint operating agreements between state colleges and universities and the department of social and health services. The institutes are intended to:

(i) Promote recruitment and retention of highly qualified professionals at the state hospitals;

(ii) Improve clinical care by exploring new, innovative, and scientifically based treatment models for persons presenting particularly difficult and complicated clinical syndromes;

(iii) Provide expanded training opportunities for existing staff at the state hospitals;

(iv) Promote bilateral understanding of treatment orientation, possibilities, and challenges between state hospital professionals and community mental health professionals.

(b) To accomplish these purposes the institutes may, within funds appropriated for this purpose:

(i) Enter joint operating agreements with state universities or other institutions of higher education to accomplish the placement and training of students and faculty in psychiatry, psychology, social work, occupational therapy, nursing, and other relevant professions at the state hospitals;

(ii) Design and implement clinical research projects to improve the quality and effectiveness of state hospital services and operations;

(iii) Enter into agreements with community mental health service providers to accomplish the exchange of professional staff between the state hospitals and community mental health service providers;

(iv) Establish a student loan forgiveness program to retain qualified professionals at the state hospitals when the superintendent has determined a shortage of such professionals exists.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, the institutes may enter into agreements with the department or the state hospitals which may involve changes in staffing necessary to implement improved patient care programs contemplated by this section.

(d) The institutes are authorized to seek and accept public or private gifts, grants, contracts, or donations to accomplish their purposes under this section.

(5) The department shall review the diagnoses and treatment history of hospital patients and create a plan to locate inappropriately placed persons into medicaid reimbursable nursing homes or other nonhospital settings. The plan shall be submitted to the legislature by June 30, 1990.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 22. The department of health, if created, or the office of financial management shall conduct a study of equitable and timely compensation for involuntary psychiatric services through a review of medical assistance rates paid to hospitals. The department, or office of financial management, shall submit a report and recommendations to the department of social and health services and appropriate legislative committees by December 1, 1989.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 23. (1) In order to determine the effectiveness of this act, it is necessary to have an independent evaluation of the transition to regional systems of care. The legislative budget committee shall prepare a plan to conduct a study of the effectiveness of the change in the mental health system initiated by this act. The primary goal of the study is to evaluate the progress of the regional support networks in meeting the statutory requirement of this act to serve at least eighty-five percent of the

short-term commitments within their boundaries by July 1, 1993. A plan for study shall include, but is not limited to, the following considerations:

(a) Progress in implementing and complying with the intention of this act to create regional support networks;

(b) Effect on short-term commitments to the state hospitals;

(c) Effect on residential options in the community;

(d) Effect on delivery of services, both residential and nonresidential, in the community; and

(e) Effect on continuity of services to the mentally ill.

(2) The plan for conducting a study, including start and completion dates, general research approaches, potential research problems, data requirements, necessary implementation authority, and cost estimates is to be provided to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the house of representatives and the senate by December 1, 1990. The plan may include proposals to use contract evaluators or other options for determining the most appropriate entity to complete the study, and shall identify ways to measure program progress and outcomes. The plan shall take into consideration a study completion date of December 1, 1992.

(3) In order to establish a beginning point for any future study of the effectiveness of the system changes initiated in this act, when the biennial contract is signed by the department of social and health services and a regional support network, the department shall forward a copy of the contract to the legislative budget committee.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 24. Sections 10 through 19 of this act shall take effect on July 1, 1995, or when regional support networks are established.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 25. Sections 10 through 19 of this act are each added to chapter 71.05 RCW.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 26. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

(1) Section 4, chapter 274, Laws of 1986 and RCW 71.24.039; and

(2) Section 59, chapter 142, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 71-.05.540.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 27. If specific funding for the purposes of this act, referencing this act by bill number, is not provided by June 30, 1989, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act shall be null and void.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 28. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state

government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate April 23, 1989.

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Approved by the Governor May 3, 1989.

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CHAPTER 206

[House Bill No. 1980]

SCHOOL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICTS—JOB SHARING

AN ACT Relating to job sharing in school and educational service districts; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.58 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 28A.58 RCW to read as follows:

In filling a position, school and educational service districts shall consider applications from two individuals wishing to share a job. All announcements of job openings shall contain a statement indicating the district will accept applications from individuals wishing to share the position. Job sharing shall be available to certificated staff.

Passed the House April 15, 1989.

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CHAPTER 207

[Substitute House Bill No. 1857]

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS—HEALTH STANDARDS—BOARD OF HEALTH RULES

AN ACT Relating to public water systems; amending RCW 43.20.050, 80.04.110, 80.04.180, 80.28.030, and 80.28.040; and adding a new section to chapter 80.28 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Sec. 1. Section 43.20.050, chapter 8, Laws of 1965 as last amended by section 1, chapter 213, Laws of 1985 and RCW 43.20.050 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) The state board of health shall provide a forum for the development of public health policy in Washington state. It is empowered to hold hearings and explore ways to improve the health status of the citizenry.

(2) In order to protect public health, the state board of health shall:

(a) Adopt rules and regulations (~~for the protection of water supplies for domestic use, and such other uses as may affect the public health, and~~