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Requires the institute for public policy, in collaboration with the department of social and health services and other applicable entities, to undertake a search for validated mental health assessment tools to be used by individuals: (1) Performing court-ordered competency assessments and level of risk assessments of certain defendants; and

(2) Developing recommendations to courts as to the appropriateness of conditional release from inpatient treatment of criminally insane patients.

Establishes an independent public safety review panel to advise the secretary of the department of social and health services and the courts, with regard to committed criminally insane persons, recommendations to: (1) Change a committed person's legal status;

- (2) Allow furloughs or temporary leaves accompanied by staff; or
- (3) Permit movement about the grounds of a treatment facility.