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By Committee on Judiciary

On page 2, beginning on line 18, strike everything through line 35 and insert the following:

"Upon the arrest of a person at least ten years of age and not more than twenty years of age for violating subsection (1)(a) of this section, the person shall be detained and confined in a juvenile or adult correctional facility for seventy-two hours, unless the person is released from custody sooner by a court after a determination regarding probable cause or on probation bond. Within forty-eight hours of the arrest, the person shall be evaluated by a psychiatrist or psychologist to determine if the person suffers from a mental disorder and is a threat to himself or herself or others. If the psychiatrist or psychologist so recommends, the person shall also be evaluated for chemical dependency within seventy-two hours of the arrest and in accordance with 70.96A RCW. The results of each evaluation shall be sent immediately to the court, and the court shall consider those results in making any determination about the person.—

EFFECT: Expands the scope of those effected by the bill to include persons age 10 through 20 (rather than 10 through 17). Allows for up to 72 hours of confinement (rather than up to 24 hours) for mental health and chemical dependency evaluations. Has psychiatrists or psychologists (rather than count-designated mental health professionals) do the mental health evaluations.

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