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By Senate Human Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Carrell, Pearson, Keiser, Sheldon, Becker, Tom, Parlette, Rivers, Braun, Bailey, Padden, Roach, Litzow, Honeyford, and Shin)

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating a statewide database of mental health
2 commitment information; adding a new section to chapter 71.05 RCW; and
3 creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The department of licensing, Washington
6 state patrol, department of social and health services, administrative
7 office of the courts, and representatives of regional support networks
8 and superior courts shall participate in a work group convened by the
9 department of licensing for the purpose of making a proposal for
10 consolidation of statewide involuntary commitment information for the
11 purpose of accurate and efficient verification of eligibility to
12 possess a firearm. The work group shall also make recommendations with
13 respect to how to maintain the privacy of commitment information and
14 whether access to the database can legally be provided to designated
15 mental health professionals or law enforcement officials for use in the
16 official course of their duties.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 71.05 RCW
18 to read as follows:

1 By August 1, 2013, all regional support networks in the state of
2 Washington must forward historical mental health involuntary commitment
3 information retained by the organization including identifying
4 information and dates of commitment to the department. As soon as
5 feasible, the regional support networks must arrange to report new
6 commitment data to the department within twenty-four hours. Commitment
7 information under this section does not need to be resent if it is
8 already in the possession of the department. Regional support networks
9 and the department shall be immune from liability related to the
10 sharing of commitment information under this section.

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