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1 AN ACT Relating to sexually violent predators; amending RCW  
2 71.09.070 and 71.09.020; providing an effective date; and declaring  
3 an emergency.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 71.09.070 and 2011 2nd sp.s. c 7 s 1 are each  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) Each person committed under this chapter shall have a current  
8 examination of his or her mental condition made by the department  
9 (~~of social and health services~~) at least once every year. (~~The~~  
10 ~~annual report shall include~~)

11 (2) The evaluator must prepare a report that includes  
12 consideration of whether:

13 (a) The committed person currently meets the definition of a  
14 sexually violent predator (~~and whether~~);

15 (b) Conditional release to a less restrictive alternative is in  
16 the best interest of the person; and

17 (c) Conditions can be imposed that would adequately protect the  
18 community.

19 (3) The department, on request of the committed person, shall  
20 allow a record of the annual review interview to be preserved by  
21 audio recording and made available to the committed person.

1 (4) The evaluator must indicate in the report whether the  
2 committed person participated in the interview and examination.

3 (5) The department (~~of social and health services~~) shall file  
4 (~~this periodic~~) the report with the court that committed the person  
5 under this chapter. The report shall be in the form of a declaration  
6 or certification in compliance with the requirements of RCW 9A.72.085  
7 and shall be prepared by a professionally qualified person as defined  
8 by rules adopted by the secretary. A copy of the report shall be  
9 served on the prosecuting agency involved in the initial commitment  
10 and upon the committed person and his or her counsel.

11 (6)(a) The committed person may retain, or if he or she is  
12 indigent and so requests, the court may appoint a qualified expert or  
13 a professional person to examine him or her, and such expert or  
14 professional person shall have access to all records concerning the  
15 person.

16 (~~(2)~~) (b) Any report prepared by the expert or professional  
17 person and any expert testimony on the committed person's behalf is  
18 not admissible in a proceeding pursuant to RCW 71.09.090, unless the  
19 committed person participated in the most recent interview and  
20 evaluation completed by the department.

21 (7) If an unconditional release trial is ordered pursuant to RCW  
22 71.09.090, this section is suspended until the completion of that  
23 trial. If the individual is found either by jury or the court to  
24 continue to meet the definition of a sexually violent predator, the  
25 department must conduct an examination pursuant to this section no  
26 later than one year after the date of the order finding that the  
27 individual continues to be a sexually violent predator. The  
28 examination must comply with the requirements of this section.

29 (8) During any period of confinement pursuant to a criminal  
30 conviction, or for any period of detention awaiting trial on criminal  
31 charges, this section is suspended. Upon the return of the person  
32 committed under this chapter to the custody of the department, the  
33 department shall initiate an examination of the person's mental  
34 condition. The examination must comply with the requirements of  
35 subsection (1) of this section.

36 **Sec. 2.** RCW 71.09.020 and 2009 c 409 s 1 are each amended to  
37 read as follows:

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

1 (1) "Department" means the department of social and health  
2 services.

3 (2) "Health care facility" means any hospital, hospice care  
4 center, licensed or certified health care facility, health  
5 maintenance organization regulated under chapter 48.46 RCW, federally  
6 qualified health maintenance organization, federally approved renal  
7 dialysis center or facility, or federally approved blood bank.

8 (3) "Health care practitioner" means an individual or firm  
9 licensed or certified to engage actively in a regulated health  
10 profession.

11 (4) "Health care services" means those services provided by  
12 health professionals licensed pursuant to RCW 18.120.020(4).

13 (5) "Health profession" means those licensed or regulated  
14 professions set forth in RCW 18.120.020(4).

15 (6) "Less restrictive alternative" means court-ordered treatment  
16 in a setting less restrictive than total confinement which satisfies  
17 the conditions set forth in RCW 71.09.092. A less restrictive  
18 alternative may not include placement in the community protection  
19 program as pursuant to RCW 71A.12.230.

20 (7) "Likely to engage in predatory acts of sexual violence if not  
21 confined in a secure facility" means that the person more probably  
22 than not will engage in such acts if released unconditionally from  
23 detention on the sexually violent predator petition. Such likelihood  
24 must be evidenced by a recent overt act if the person is not totally  
25 confined at the time the petition is filed under RCW 71.09.030.

26 (8) "Mental abnormality" means a congenital or acquired condition  
27 affecting the emotional or volitional capacity which predisposes the  
28 person to the commission of criminal sexual acts in a degree  
29 constituting such person a menace to the health and safety of others.

30 (9) "Personality disorder" means an enduring pattern of inner  
31 experience and behavior that deviates markedly from the expectations  
32 of the individual's culture, is pervasive and inflexible, has onset  
33 in adolescence or early adulthood, is stable over time and leads to  
34 distress or impairment. Purported evidence of a personality disorder  
35 must be supported by testimony of a licensed forensic psychologist or  
36 psychiatrist.

37 (10) "Predatory" means acts directed towards: (a) Strangers; (b)  
38 individuals with whom a relationship has been established or promoted  
39 for the primary purpose of victimization; or (c) persons of casual  
40 acquaintance with whom no substantial personal relationship exists.

1 (11) "Prosecuting agency" means the prosecuting attorney of the  
2 county where the person was convicted or charged or the attorney  
3 general if requested by the prosecuting attorney, as provided in RCW  
4 71.09.030.

5 (12) "Recent overt act" means any act, threat, or combination  
6 thereof that has either caused harm of a sexually violent nature or  
7 creates a reasonable apprehension of such harm in the mind of an  
8 objective person who knows of the history and mental condition of the  
9 person engaging in the act or behaviors.

10 (13) "Risk potential activity" or "risk potential facility" means  
11 an activity or facility that provides a higher incidence of risk to  
12 the public from persons conditionally released from the special  
13 commitment center. Risk potential activities and facilities include:  
14 Public and private schools, school bus stops, licensed day care and  
15 licensed preschool facilities, public parks, publicly dedicated  
16 trails, sports fields, playgrounds, recreational and community  
17 centers, churches, synagogues, temples, mosques, public libraries,  
18 public and private youth camps, and others identified by the  
19 department following the hearings on a potential site required in RCW  
20 71.09.315. For purposes of this chapter, "school bus stops" does not  
21 include bus stops established primarily for public transit.

22 (14) "Secretary" means the secretary of social and health  
23 services or the secretary's designee.

24 (15) "Secure facility" means a residential facility for persons  
25 civilly confined under the provisions of this chapter that includes  
26 security measures sufficient to protect the community. Such  
27 facilities include total confinement facilities, secure community  
28 transition facilities, and any residence used as a court-ordered  
29 placement under RCW 71.09.096.

30 (16) "Secure community transition facility" means a residential  
31 facility for persons civilly committed and conditionally released to  
32 a less restrictive alternative under this chapter. A secure community  
33 transition facility has supervision and security, and either provides  
34 or ensures the provision of sex offender treatment services. Secure  
35 community transition facilities include but are not limited to the  
36 facility established pursuant to RCW 71.09.250(1)(a)(i) and any  
37 community-based facilities established under this chapter and  
38 operated by the secretary or under contract with the secretary.

39 (17) "Sexually violent offense" means an act committed on,  
40 before, or after July 1, 1990, that is: (a) An act defined in Title

1 9A RCW as rape in the first degree, rape in the second degree by  
2 forcible compulsion, rape of a child in the first or second degree,  
3 statutory rape in the first or second degree, indecent liberties by  
4 forcible compulsion, indecent liberties against a child under age  
5 fourteen, incest against a child under age fourteen, or child  
6 molestation in the first or second degree; (b) a felony offense in  
7 effect at any time prior to July 1, 1990, that is comparable to a  
8 sexually violent offense as defined in (a) of this subsection, or any  
9 federal or out-of-state conviction for a felony offense that under  
10 the laws of this state would be a sexually violent offense as defined  
11 in this subsection; (c) an act of murder in the first or second  
12 degree, assault in the first or second degree, assault of a child in  
13 the first or second degree, kidnapping in the first or second degree,  
14 burglary in the first degree, residential burglary, or unlawful  
15 imprisonment, which act, either at the time of sentencing for the  
16 offense or subsequently during civil commitment proceedings pursuant  
17 to this chapter, has been determined beyond a reasonable doubt to  
18 have been sexually motivated, as that term is defined in RCW  
19 9.94A.030; or (d) an act as described in chapter 9A.28 RCW, that is  
20 an attempt, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy to commit  
21 one of the felonies designated in (a), (b), or (c) of this  
22 subsection.

23 (18) "Sexually violent predator" means any person who has been  
24 convicted of or charged with a crime of sexual violence and who  
25 suffers from a mental abnormality or personality disorder which makes  
26 the person likely to engage in predatory acts of sexual violence if  
27 not confined in a secure facility.

28 (19) "Total confinement facility" means a secure facility that  
29 provides supervision and sex offender treatment services in a total  
30 confinement setting. Total confinement facilities include the special  
31 commitment center and any similar facility designated as a total  
32 confinement facility by the secretary.

33 (20) "Treatment" means the sex offender specific treatment  
34 program at the special commitment center or a specific course of sex  
35 offender treatment pursuant to RCW 71.09.092 (1) and (2).

36 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
37 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of

1 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
2 effect July 1, 2015.

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