

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6213

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Making technical, clarifying, and nonsubstantive changes to mental health advance directive provisions.

Sponsors: Senators Hargrove, Stevens and Winsley.

Senate Committee on Children & Family Services & Corrections

House Committee on Judiciary

Background: The state mental health advance directives bill went into effect on July 27, 2003 and is codified as Chapter 71.32 in the Revised Code of Washington. It was anticipated that some clarifications and technical amendments would be needed as the law began to be implemented.

Summary: Nothing in the voluntary discharge provisions for a person admitted to inpatient treatment under the authority of his or her mental health advance directive prevents the person from being detained for civil commitment under the provisions of the Involuntary Treatment Act if the person meets the criteria for detention.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	49	0
House	96	0

Effective: June 10, 2004