

5216-S2

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Children & Family Services & Corrections (originally sponsored by Senators Stevens and Hargrove)

Brief Description: Authorizing agreements to change the number of experts or professional persons who must examine a person for the state under chapter 10.77 RCW. Revised for 1st Substitute: Revising forensic competency and sanity examinations.

SB 5216-S2.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that the signed order of the court shall serve as authority for the experts to be given access to all records held by any mental health, medical, educational, or correctional facility that relate to the present or past mental, emotional, or physical condition of the defendant.

Provides that, upon agreement of the parties, the court may designate one expert or professional person to conduct the examination and report on the mental condition of the defendant.

Provides that, if the defendant is being held in jail or other detention facility, upon agreement of the parties, the court may direct that the examination be conducted at the jail or other detention facility.