

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2422

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ESCAPE OR DISAPPEARANCE NOTIFICATION--COMMITTED PERSONS--MENTAL
HEALTH FACILITIES

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Yeas 96 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Yeas 47 Nays 0

BRAD OWEN

President of the Senate

Approved March 12, 2010, 1:56 p.m.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2422** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BARBARA BAKER

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By House Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness (originally sponsored by Representatives Parker, Hurst, Driscoll, Kelley, Dammeier, Schmick, and Ormsby)

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1 AN ACT Relating to escape or disappearance notification
2 requirements; and amending RCW 10.77.165.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 10.77.165 and 1993 c 31 s 8 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) In the event of an escape by a person committed under this
7 chapter from a state (~~(institution)~~) facility or the disappearance of
8 such a person on conditional release (~~(to the department of social and~~
9 ~~health services, the superintendent, or in the event of a disappearance~~
10 ~~of such a person on conditional release to the department of~~
11 ~~corrections, the community corrections officer)~~) or other authorized
12 absence, the superintendent shall provide notification of the person's
13 escape or disappearance for the public's safety or to assist in the
14 apprehension of the person.

15 (a) The superintendent shall (~~(, as appropriate,)~~) notify:

16 (i) State and local law enforcement officers (~~(,)~~) located in the
17 city and county where the person escaped;

18 (ii) Other appropriate governmental agencies (~~(,)~~); and

19 (iii) The person's relatives (~~(, and)~~).

1 (b) The superintendent shall provide the same notification as
2 required by (a) of this subsection to the following, if such notice has
3 been requested in writing about a specific person committed under this
4 chapter:

5 (i) The victim of the crime for which the person was convicted or
6 the victim's next of kin if the crime was a homicide;

7 (ii) Any witnesses who testified against the person in any court
8 proceedings if the person was charged with a violent offense; and

9 (iii) Any other appropriate persons ((~~about information necessary~~
10 ~~for the public safety or to assist in the apprehension of the person))~~).

11 (2) Information regarding victims, next of kin, or witnesses
12 requesting the notice, information regarding any other person specified
13 in writing by the prosecuting attorney to receive the notice, and the
14 notice are confidential and shall not be available to the person
15 committed under this chapter.

16 (3) The notice provisions of this section are in addition to those
17 provided in RCW 10.77.205.

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