

ESHB 2556 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Law & Justice

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that judges in  
4 the trial courts throughout the state effectively utilize what are  
5 known as therapeutic courts to remove a defendant's or respondent's  
6 case from the criminal and civil court traditional trial track and  
7 allow those defendants or respondents the opportunity to obtain  
8 treatment services to address particular issues that may have  
9 contributed to the conduct that led to their arrest or other issues  
10 before the court. Trial courts have proved adept at creative  
11 approaches in fashioning a wide variety of therapeutic courts  
12 addressing the spectrum of social issues that can contribute to  
13 criminal activity and engagement with the child welfare system.

14 (2) The legislature further finds that by focusing on the specific  
15 individual's needs, providing treatment for the issues presented, and  
16 ensuring rapid and appropriate accountability for program violations,  
17 therapeutic courts may decrease recidivism, improve the safety of the  
18 community, and improve the life of the program participant and the  
19 lives of the participant's family members by decreasing the severity  
20 and frequency of the specific behavior addressed by the therapeutic  
21 court.

22 (3) The legislature recognizes the inherent authority of the  
23 judiciary under Article IV, section 1 of the state Constitution to  
24 establish therapeutic courts, and the outstanding contribution to the  
25 state and local communities made by the establishment of therapeutic  
26 courts and desires to provide a general provision in statute  
27 acknowledging and encouraging the judiciary to provide for therapeutic  
28 court programs to address the particular needs within a given judicial  
29 jurisdiction.

30 (4) Therapeutic court programs may include, but are not limited to:

- 1 (a) Adult drug court;
- 2 (b) Juvenile drug court;
- 3 (c) Family dependency treatment court or family drug court;
- 4 (d) Mental health court, which may include participants with
- 5 developmental disabilities;
- 6 (e) DUI court;
- 7 (f) Veterans treatment court;
- 8 (g) Truancy court;
- 9 (h) Domestic violence court;
- 10 (i) Gambling court;
- 11 (j) Community court;
- 12 (k) Homeless court;
- 13 (l) Treatment, responsibility, and accountability on campus (Back
- 14 on TRAC) court.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The definitions in this section apply

16 throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

17 (1) "Emerging best practice" or "promising practice" means a

18 program or practice that, based on statistical analyses or a well-

19 established theory of change, shows potential for meeting the evidence-

20 based or research-based criteria, which may include the use of a

21 program that is evidence-based for outcomes other than those listed in

22 this section.

23 (2) "Evidence-based" means a program or practice that: (a) Has

24 been tested in heterogeneous or intended populations with multiple

25 randomized, or statistically controlled evaluations, or both; or one

26 large multiple site randomized, or statistically controlled evaluation,

27 or both, where the weight of the evidence from a systemic review

28 demonstrates sustained improvements in at least one outcome; or (b) may

29 be implemented with a set of procedures to allow successful replication

30 in Washington and, when possible, is determined to be cost-beneficial.

31 (3) "Government authority" means prosecutor or other representative

32 initiating action leading to a proceeding in therapeutic court.

33 (4) "Participant" means an accused person, offender, or respondent

34 in the judicial proceeding.

35 (5) "Research-based" means a program or practice that has been

36 tested with a single randomized, or statistically controlled

37 evaluation, or both, demonstrating sustained desirable outcomes; or

1 where the weight of the evidence from a systemic review supports  
2 sustained outcomes as described in this subsection but does not meet  
3 the full criteria for evidence-based.

4 (6) "Specialty court" and "therapeutic court" both mean a court  
5 utilizing a program or programs structured to achieve both a reduction  
6 in recidivism and an increase in the likelihood of rehabilitation, or  
7 to reduce child abuse and neglect, out-of-home placements of children,  
8 termination of parental rights, and substance abuse and mental health  
9 symptoms among parents or guardians and their children through  
10 continuous and intense judicially supervised treatment and the  
11 appropriate use of services, sanctions, and incentives.

12 (7) "Therapeutic court personnel" means the staff of a therapeutic  
13 court including, but not limited to: Court and clerk personnel with  
14 therapeutic court duties, prosecuting attorneys, the attorney general  
15 or his or her representatives, defense counsel, monitoring personnel,  
16 and others acting within the scope of therapeutic court duties.

17 (8) "Trial court" means a superior court authorized under Title 2  
18 RCW or a district or municipal court authorized under Title 3 or 35  
19 RCW.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) Every trial and juvenile court in the  
21 state of Washington is authorized and encouraged to establish and  
22 operate therapeutic courts. Therapeutic courts, in conjunction with  
23 the government authority and subject matter experts specific to the  
24 focus of the therapeutic court, develop and process cases in ways that  
25 depart from traditional judicial processes to allow defendants or  
26 respondents the opportunity to obtain treatment services to address  
27 particular issues that may have contributed to the conduct that led to  
28 their arrest or involvement in the child welfare system in exchange for  
29 resolution of the case or charges. In criminal cases, the consent of  
30 the prosecutor is required.

31 (2) While a therapeutic court judge retains the discretion to  
32 decline to accept a case into the therapeutic court, and while a  
33 therapeutic court retains discretion to establish processes and  
34 determine eligibility for admission to the therapeutic court process  
35 unique to their community and jurisdiction, the effectiveness and  
36 credibility of any therapeutic court will be enhanced when the court  
37 implements evidence-based practices, research-based practices, emerging

1 best practices, or promising practices that have been identified and  
2 accepted at the state and national levels. Promising practices,  
3 emerging best practices, and/or research-based programs are authorized  
4 where determined by the court to be appropriate. As practices evolve,  
5 the trial court shall regularly assess the effectiveness of its program  
6 and the methods by which it implements and adopts new best practices.

7 (3) Except under special findings by the court, the following  
8 individuals are not eligible for participation in therapeutic courts:

9 (a) Individuals who are currently charged or who have been  
10 previously convicted of a serious violent offense or sex offense as  
11 defined in RCW 9.94A.030;

12 (b) Individuals who are currently charged with an offense alleging  
13 intentional discharge, threat to discharge, or attempt to discharge a  
14 firearm in furtherance of the offense;

15 (c) Individuals who are currently charged with or who have been  
16 previously convicted of vehicular homicide or an equivalent out-of-  
17 state offense; or

18 (d) Individuals who are currently charged with or who have been  
19 previously convicted of: An offense alleging substantial bodily harm  
20 or great bodily harm as defined in RCW 9A.04.110, or death of another  
21 person.

22 (4) Any jurisdiction establishing a therapeutic court shall  
23 endeavor to incorporate the therapeutic court principles of best  
24 practices as recognized by state and national therapeutic court  
25 organizations in structuring a particular program, which may include:

26 (a) Determining the population;

27 (b) Performing a clinical assessment;

28 (c) Developing the treatment plan;

29 (d) Monitoring the participant, including any appropriate testing;

30 (e) Forging agency, organization, and community partnerships;

31 (f) Taking a judicial leadership role;

32 (g) Developing case management strategies;

33 (h) Addressing transportation, housing, and subsistence issues;

34 (i) Evaluating the program;

35 (j) Ensuring a sustainable program.

36 (5) Upon a showing of indigence under RCW 10.101.010, fees may be  
37 reduced or waived.

1 (6) The department of social and health services shall furnish  
2 services to therapeutic courts addressing dependency matters where  
3 substance abuse or mental health are an issue unless the court  
4 contracts with providers outside of the department.

5 (7) Any jurisdiction that has established more than one therapeutic  
6 court under this chapter may combine the functions of these courts into  
7 a single therapeutic court.

8 (8) Nothing in this section prohibits a district or municipal court  
9 from ordering treatment or other conditions of sentence or probation  
10 following a conviction, without the consent of either the prosecutor or  
11 defendant.

12 (9) No therapeutic or specialty court may be established  
13 specifically for the purpose of applying foreign law, including foreign  
14 criminal, civil, or religious law, that is otherwise not required by  
15 treaty.

16 (10) No therapeutic or specialty court established by court rule  
17 shall enforce a foreign law, if doing so would violate a right  
18 guaranteed by the Constitution of this state or of the United States.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** Jurisdictions may seek federal funding  
20 available to support the operation of its therapeutic court and  
21 associated services and must match, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, state  
22 moneys allocated for therapeutic courts with local cash or in-kind  
23 resources. Moneys allocated by the state may be used to supplement,  
24 not supplant other federal, state, and local funds for therapeutic  
25 courts. However, until June 30, 2015, no match is required for state  
26 moneys expended for the administrative and overhead costs associated  
27 with the operation of a therapeutic court authorized under this  
28 chapter.

29 **Sec. 5.** RCW 82.14.460 and 2012 c 180 s 1 are each amended to read  
30 as follows:

31 (1)(a) A county legislative authority may authorize, fix, and  
32 impose a sales and use tax in accordance with the terms of this  
33 chapter.

34 (b) If a county with a population over eight hundred thousand has  
35 not imposed the tax authorized under this subsection by January 1,  
36 2011, any city with a population over thirty thousand located in that

1 county may authorize, fix, and impose the sales and use tax in  
2 accordance with the terms of this chapter. The county must provide a  
3 credit against its tax for the full amount of tax imposed under this  
4 subsection (1)(b) by any city located in that county if the county  
5 imposes the tax after January 1, 2011.

6 (2) The tax authorized in this section is in addition to any other  
7 taxes authorized by law and must be collected from those persons who  
8 are taxable by the state under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon the  
9 occurrence of any taxable event within the county for a county's tax  
10 and within a city for a city's tax. The rate of tax equals one-tenth  
11 of one percent of the selling price in the case of a sales tax, or  
12 value of the article used, in the case of a use tax.

13 (3) Moneys collected under this section must be used solely for the  
14 purpose of providing for the operation or delivery of chemical  
15 dependency or mental health treatment programs and services and for the  
16 operation or delivery of therapeutic court programs and services. For  
17 the purposes of this section, "programs and services" includes, but is  
18 not limited to, treatment services, case management, transportation,  
19 and housing that are a component of a coordinated chemical dependency  
20 or mental health treatment program or service. Every jurisdiction that  
21 authorizes the tax provided in this section shall, and every other  
22 jurisdiction may, establish and operate a therapeutic court component  
23 for dependency proceedings designed to be effective for the court's  
24 size, location, and resources.

25 (4) All moneys collected under this section must be used solely for  
26 the purpose of providing new or expanded programs and services as  
27 provided in this section, except as follows:

28 (a) For a county with a population larger than twenty-five thousand  
29 or a city with a population over thirty thousand, which initially  
30 imposed the tax authorized under this section prior to January 1, 2012,  
31 a portion of moneys collected under this section may be used to  
32 supplant existing funding for these purposes as follows: Up to fifty  
33 percent may be used to supplant existing funding in calendar years  
34 2011-2012; up to forty percent may be used to supplant existing funding  
35 in calendar year 2013; up to thirty percent may be used to supplant  
36 existing funding in calendar year 2014; up to twenty percent may be  
37 used to supplant existing funding in calendar year 2015; and up to ten  
38 percent may be used to supplant existing funding in calendar year 2016;

1 (b) For a county with a population larger than twenty-five thousand  
2 or a city with a population over thirty thousand, which initially  
3 imposes the tax authorized under this section after December 31, 2011,  
4 a portion of moneys collected under this section may be used to  
5 supplant existing funding for these purposes as follows: Up to fifty  
6 percent may be used to supplant existing funding for up to the first  
7 three calendar years following adoption; and up to twenty-five percent  
8 may be used to supplant existing funding for the fourth and fifth years  
9 after adoption;

10 (c) For a county with a population of less than twenty-five  
11 thousand, a portion of moneys collected under this section may be used  
12 to supplant existing funding for these purposes as follows: Up to  
13 eighty percent may be used to supplant existing funding in calendar  
14 years 2011-2012; up to sixty percent may be used to supplant existing  
15 funding in calendar year 2013; up to forty percent may be used to  
16 supplant existing funding in calendar year 2014; up to twenty percent  
17 may be used to supplant existing funding in calendar year 2015; and up  
18 to ten percent may be used to supplant existing funding in calendar  
19 year 2016; and

20 (d) Notwithstanding (a) through (c) of this subsection, moneys  
21 collected under this section may be used to support the cost of the  
22 judicial officer and support staff of a therapeutic court.

23 (5) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to prohibit the use  
24 of moneys collected under this section for the replacement of lapsed  
25 federal funding previously provided for the operation or delivery of  
26 services and programs as provided in this section.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** Individual trial courts are authorized and  
28 encouraged to establish multijurisdictional partnerships and/or  
29 interlocal agreements under RCW 39.34.180 to enhance and expand the  
30 coverage area of the therapeutic court. Specifically, district and  
31 municipal courts may work cooperatively with each other and with the  
32 superior courts to identify and implement nontraditional case  
33 processing methods which can eliminate traditional barriers that  
34 decrease judicial efficiency.

35 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 7.** Any therapeutic court meeting the definition

1 of therapeutic court in section 2 of this act and existing on the  
2 effective date of this section continues to be authorized.

3 **Sec. 8.** RCW 9.94A.517 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 14 s 1 are each amended  
4 to read as follows:

5 (1)

6 TABLE 3

7 DRUG OFFENSE SENTENCING GRID

8	9	10	11	12
Level	0 to 2	3 to 5	6 to 9 or more	
III	51 to 68 months	68+ to 100 months	100+ to 120 months	
II	12+ to 20 months	20+ to 60 months	60+ to 120 months	
I	0 to 6 months	6+ to 12 months	12+ to 24 months	

13 References to months represent the standard sentence ranges. 12+equals  
14 one year and one day.

15 (2) The court may utilize any other sanctions or alternatives as  
16 authorized by law, including but not limited to the special drug  
17 offender sentencing alternative under RCW 9.94A.660 or drug court under  
18 ((RCW 2.28.170)) chapter 2.--- RCW (the new chapter created in section  
19 12 of this act).

20 (3) Nothing in this section creates an entitlement for a criminal  
21 defendant to any specific sanction, alternative, sentence option, or  
22 substance abuse treatment.

23 **Sec. 9.** RCW 9.94A.517 and 2002 c 290 s 8 are each amended to read  
24 as follows:

25 (1)

26 TABLE 3

27 DRUG OFFENSE SENTENCING GRID

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3 equals one year and one day.

4 (2) The court may utilize any other sanctions or alternatives as  
5 authorized by law, including but not limited to the special drug  
6 offender sentencing alternative under RCW 9.94A.660 or drug court under  
7 (~~RCW 2.28.170~~) chapter 2.--- RCW (the new chapter created in section  
8 12 of this act).

9 (3) Nothing in this section creates an entitlement for a criminal  
10 defendant to any specific sanction, alternative, sentence option, or  
11 substance abuse treatment.

12 **Sec. 10.** RCW 70.96A.350 and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 990 are each  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 (1) The criminal justice treatment account is created in the state  
15 treasury. Moneys in the account may be expended solely for: (a)  
16 Substance abuse treatment and treatment support services for offenders  
17 with an addiction or a substance abuse problem that, if not treated,  
18 would result in addiction, against whom charges are filed by a  
19 prosecuting attorney in Washington state; (b) the provision of drug and  
20 alcohol treatment services and treatment support services for  
21 nonviolent offenders within a drug court program; (c) the  
22 administrative and overhead costs associated with the operation of a  
23 drug court; and (d) during the 2011-2013 biennium, the legislature may  
24 appropriate up to three million dollars from the account in order to  
25 offset reductions in the state general fund for treatment services  
26 provided by counties. This amount is not subject to the requirements  
27 of subsections (5) through (9) of this section. During the 2013-2015  
28 fiscal biennium, the legislature may transfer from the criminal justice  
29 treatment account to the state general fund amounts as reflect the  
30 state savings associated with the implementation of the medicaid  
31 expansion of the federal affordable care act. Moneys in the account  
32 may be spent only after appropriation.

33 (2) For purposes of this section:

34 (a) "Treatment" means services that are critical to a participant's  
35 successful completion of his or her substance abuse treatment program,

1 but does not include the following services: Housing other than that  
2 provided as part of an inpatient substance abuse treatment program,  
3 vocational training, and mental health counseling; and

4 (b) "Treatment support" means transportation to or from inpatient  
5 or outpatient treatment services when no viable alternative exists, and  
6 child care services that are necessary to ensure a participant's  
7 ability to attend outpatient treatment sessions.

8 (3) Revenues to the criminal justice treatment account consist of:  
9 (a) Funds transferred to the account pursuant to this section; and (b)  
10 any other revenues appropriated to or deposited in the account.

11 (4)(a) For the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 2003, the state  
12 treasurer shall transfer eight million nine hundred fifty thousand  
13 dollars from the general fund into the criminal justice treatment  
14 account, divided into eight equal quarterly payments. For the fiscal  
15 year beginning July 1, 2005, and each subsequent fiscal year, the state  
16 treasurer shall transfer eight million two hundred fifty thousand  
17 dollars from the general fund to the criminal justice treatment  
18 account, divided into four equal quarterly payments. For the fiscal  
19 year beginning July 1, 2006, and each subsequent fiscal year, the  
20 amount transferred shall be increased on an annual basis by the  
21 implicit price deflator as published by the federal bureau of labor  
22 statistics.

23 (b) In each odd-numbered year, the legislature shall appropriate  
24 the amount transferred to the criminal justice treatment account in (a)  
25 of this subsection to the division of alcohol and substance abuse for  
26 the purposes of subsection (5) of this section.

27 (5) Moneys appropriated to the division of alcohol and substance  
28 abuse from the criminal justice treatment account shall be distributed  
29 as specified in this subsection. The department shall serve as the  
30 fiscal agent for purposes of distribution. Until July 1, 2004, the  
31 department may not use moneys appropriated from the criminal justice  
32 treatment account for administrative expenses and shall distribute all  
33 amounts appropriated under subsection (4)(b) of this section in  
34 accordance with this subsection. Beginning in July 1, 2004, the  
35 department may retain up to three percent of the amount appropriated  
36 under subsection (4)(b) of this section for its administrative costs.

37 (a) Seventy percent of amounts appropriated to the division from  
38 the account shall be distributed to counties pursuant to the

1 distribution formula adopted under this section. The division of  
2 alcohol and substance abuse, in consultation with the department of  
3 corrections, the Washington state association of counties, the  
4 Washington state association of drug court professionals, the superior  
5 court judges' association, the Washington association of prosecuting  
6 attorneys, representatives of the criminal defense bar, representatives  
7 of substance abuse treatment providers, and any other person deemed by  
8 the division to be necessary, shall establish a fair and reasonable  
9 methodology for distribution to counties of moneys in the criminal  
10 justice treatment account. County or regional plans submitted for the  
11 expenditure of formula funds must be approved by the panel established  
12 in (b) of this subsection.

13 (b) Thirty percent of the amounts appropriated to the division from  
14 the account shall be distributed as grants for purposes of treating  
15 offenders against whom charges are filed by a county prosecuting  
16 attorney. The division shall appoint a panel of representatives from  
17 the Washington association of prosecuting attorneys, the Washington  
18 association of sheriffs and police chiefs, the superior court judges'  
19 association, the Washington state association of counties, the  
20 Washington defender's association or the Washington association of  
21 criminal defense lawyers, the department of corrections, the Washington  
22 state association of drug court professionals, substance abuse  
23 treatment providers, and the division. The panel shall review county  
24 or regional plans for funding under (a) of this subsection and grants  
25 approved under this subsection. The panel shall attempt to ensure that  
26 treatment as funded by the grants is available to offenders statewide.

27 (6) The county alcohol and drug coordinator, county prosecutor,  
28 county sheriff, county superior court, a substance abuse treatment  
29 provider appointed by the county legislative authority, a member of the  
30 criminal defense bar appointed by the county legislative authority,  
31 and, in counties with a drug court, a representative of the drug court  
32 shall jointly submit a plan, approved by the county legislative  
33 authority or authorities, to the panel established in subsection (5)(b)  
34 of this section, for disposition of all the funds provided from the  
35 criminal justice treatment account within that county. The funds shall  
36 be used solely to provide approved alcohol and substance abuse  
37 treatment pursuant to RCW 70.96A.090, treatment support services, and

1 for the administrative and overhead costs associated with the operation  
2 of a drug court.

3 (a) No more than ten percent of the total moneys received under  
4 subsections (4) and (5) of this section by a county or group of  
5 counties participating in a regional agreement shall be spent on the  
6 administrative and overhead costs associated with the operation of a  
7 drug court.

8 (b) No more than ten percent of the total moneys received under  
9 subsections (4) and (5) of this section by a county or group of  
10 counties participating in a regional agreement shall be spent for  
11 treatment support services.

12 (7) Counties are encouraged to consider regional agreements and  
13 submit regional plans for the efficient delivery of treatment under  
14 this section.

15 (8) Moneys allocated under this section shall be used to  
16 supplement, not supplant, other federal, state, and local funds used  
17 for substance abuse treatment.

18 (9) Counties must meet the criteria established in ((RCW  
19 ~~2.28.170(3)(b))~~) section 3(3) of this act.

20 (10) The authority under this section to use funds from the  
21 criminal justice treatment account for the administrative and overhead  
22 costs associated with the operation of a drug court expires June 30,  
23 2015.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** The following acts or parts of acts are  
25 each repealed:

26 (1) RCW 2.28.170 (Drug courts) and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 952, 2013  
27 2nd sp.s. c 4 s 951, 2013 c 257 s 5, 2009 c 445 s 2, 2006 c 339 s 106,  
28 2005 c 504 s 504, 2002 c 290 s 13, 1999 c 197 s 9;

29 (2) RCW 2.28.175 (DUI courts) and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 35 s 2, 2013 c  
30 257 s 6, 2012 c 183 s 1, 2011 c 293 s 10;

31 (3) RCW 2.28.180 (Mental health courts) and 2013 c 257 s 7, 2011 c  
32 236 s 1, 2005 c 504 s 501;

33 (4) RCW 2.28.190 (DUI court, drug court, and mental health court  
34 may be combined) and 2013 c 257 s 8, 2011 c 293 s 11, 2005 c 504 s  
35 502;

36 (5) RCW 13.40.700 (Juvenile gang courts--Minimum requirements--  
37 Admission--Individualized plan--Completion) and 2012 c 146 s 2;

1 (6) RCW 13.40.710 (Juvenile gang courts--Data--Reports) and 2012 c  
2 146 s 3;

3 (7) RCW 26.12.250 (Therapeutic courts) and 2005 c 504 s 503;

4 (8) RCW 2.28.165 (Specialty and therapeutic courts--Establishment--  
5 Principles of best practices--Limitations) and 2013 c 257 s 2; and

6 (9) RCW 2.28.166 (Definition of "specialty court" and "therapeutic  
7 court") and 2013 c 257 s 4.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** Sections 1 through 4, 6, and 7 of this act  
9 constitute a new chapter in Title 2 RCW.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** If any provision of this act or its  
11 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
12 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other  
13 persons or circumstances is not affected.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** If any part of this act is found to be in  
15 conflict with federal requirements that are a prescribed condition to  
16 the allocation of federal funds to the state, the conflicting part of  
17 this act is inoperative solely to the extent of the conflict and with  
18 respect to the agencies directly affected, and this finding does not  
19 affect the operation of the remainder of this act in its application to  
20 the agencies concerned. Rules adopted under this act must meet federal  
21 requirements that are a necessary condition to the receipt of federal  
22 funds by the state.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 15.** Section 8 of this act expires July 1, 2018.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 16.** Section 9 of this act takes effect July 1,  
25 2018."

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1        On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "courts;" strike the  
2 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 82.14.460, 9.94A.517,  
3 9.94A.517, and 70.96A.350; adding a new chapter to Title 2 RCW;  
4 creating a new section; repealing RCW 2.28.170, 2.28.175, 2.28.180,  
5 2.28.190, 13.40.700, 13.40.710, 26.12.250, 2.28.165, and 2.28.166;  
6 providing an effective date; and providing an expiration date."

EFFECT:        (1) The jurisdiction may, but is not required to seek federal funding.

                  (2) It is clarified that defendants and respondents do not have to consent to participation in therapeutic court.

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