

SHB 1448 - H AMD 213

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1 On page 1, line 8, after "situations," strike all material through
2 "able" on line 9 and insert "officers are encouraged"

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4 On page 1, line 14, after "health" strike "emergencies" and insert
5 "incidents"

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7 On page 1, line 20, after "in" strike "the" and insert "an"

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9 On page 2, line 3, after "person" strike all material through "of"
10 and insert "may need"

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12 On page 2, line 7, after "report" insert ", excluding Saturdays,
13 Sundays, and holidays"

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EFFECT: The amendment makes the following changes:

(1) Modifies intent language to provide that officers are encouraged to facilitate mental health evaluations (rather than it being necessary for officers to be able to facilitate mental health evaluations) and that mental health "incidents" are addressed by mental health professionals (rather than mental health "emergencies").

(2) Allows an officer to note the need for a mental health evaluation in "an" incident report, rather than "the" incident report.

(3) Provides that the notification by law enforcement is that a person "may need" a mental health evaluation, rather than that the person is "in need of" a mental health evaluation.

(4) Excludes weekends and holidays from the forty-eight hour window in which an incident report noting a need for a mental health evaluation must be forwarded to a designated mental health professional agency.

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