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By Committee on Human Services, Mental Health & Housing

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

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 71.05
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) A peace officer or other first responder who responds to a
6 report of threatened or attempted suicide may notify a local
7 designated mental health professional of the incident.

8 (2) A peace officer or other first responder and their respective
9 agencies are immune from liability for notifying, or the failure to
10 notify, a designated mental health professional pursuant to this
11 section.

12 (3) As soon as possible, but no later than twenty-four hours
13 after receiving a notification from a peace officer or other first
14 responder, a mental health professional assigned by the designated
15 mental health professional must attempt to contact the person who is
16 the subject of the notification to assess whether or not the person
17 meets initial detention criteria under RCW 71.05.150 or 71.05.153.
18 Documentation of the designated mental health professional's contact
19 and assessment of the person must be maintained by the designated
20 mental health professional agency.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act may be known and cited as Sheena
22 and Chris Henderson's law."

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23 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "suicide;" strike the
24 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter
25 71.05 RCW; and creating a new section."

EFFECT: Removes provisions relating to noting the incident of
threatened or attempted suicide in a police incident report and
removes time limit after entry of the incident report for the event
to be reported to a designated mental health professional. Removes

requirement for law enforcement agencies to develop a system for making referrals to designated mental health professional agencies based on notations made in incident reports. Removes intent section.

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