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By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Mosbrucker, Davis, Couture, Rule, Barkis, Jacobsen, and Pollet)

READ FIRST TIME 01/31/24.

1 AN ACT Relating to fentanyl and other synthetic opioids; adding a
2 new section to chapter 43.70 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
3 70.48 RCW; and creating new sections.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that:

6 (a) Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is up to 50 times
7 stronger than morphine and is a major contributor to fatal and
8 nonfatal overdoses in the United States;

9 (b) There are two types of fentanyl: Pharmaceutical fentanyl and
10 illegally made fentanyl;

11 (c) Fentanyl and other synthetic opioids are causing a public
12 health crisis in Washington;

13 (d) Addiction, overdoses, and deaths caused by fentanyl and other
14 synthetic opioids are on the rise, and health care and treatment
15 systems are becoming overextended;

16 (e) Effective outreach programs about the negative health effects
17 of fentanyl misuse and abuse are necessary to help curb the public
18 health crisis;

19 (f) Individuals who purchase or recover motor vehicles in which
20 fentanyl or other synthetic opioids have been used face unique
21 challenges in understanding how to decontaminate the vehicles; and

1 (g) More should be done to connect individuals who are arrested
2 while intoxicated on fentanyl or other synthetic opioids with needed
3 health care and treatment services.

4 (2) The legislature therefore intends to address this public
5 health issue by:

6 (a) Providing guidance on public outreach campaigns on the
7 dangers of misusing or abusing fentanyl and other synthetic opioids;

8 (b) Compiling information for individuals who wish to
9 decontaminate a vehicle in which fentanyl or other synthetic opioids
10 were used; and

11 (c) Increasing the likelihood that individuals will seek
12 necessary substance abuse disorder treatment by offering to connect
13 them with treatment upon release from custody in jail.

14 (3) This act may be known and cited as Ivan's law.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 (1) Insofar as is appropriate and practicable, when conducting
18 any public outreach campaign on the dangers of fentanyl and other
19 synthetic opioids, the department shall ensure that campaign
20 materials are:

21 (a) Culturally appropriate;

22 (b) Accessible in other languages, as appropriate; and

23 (c) Accessible to the deaf and blind communities.

24 (2) When designing public outreach campaigns on the dangers of
25 fentanyl and other synthetic opioids, the department shall consider
26 using the phrase, "Not Even Once" where appropriate.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) Subject to the availability of amounts
28 appropriated for this specific purpose, the Washington association of
29 sheriffs and police chiefs, in consultation with the department of
30 health and the Washington poison center, shall compile resources on
31 how to decontaminate motor vehicles of fentanyl residue or other
32 synthetic opioid residue in certain vehicles.

33 (2) Beginning January 1, 2025, the Washington association of
34 sheriffs and police chiefs shall make the materials available to law
35 enforcement agencies throughout the state for the purpose of
36 providing the materials to individuals who recover a stolen vehicle
37 or purchase a vehicle seized by a law enforcement agency.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 70.48
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 When a jail releases any individual from custody, it must provide
4 the individual with information regarding the availability of
5 substance use disorder treatment programs relating to addictions to
6 fentanyl and other synthetic opioids, including assessment and
7 services available under RCW 10.31.110 or another program or entity
8 responsible for receiving referrals, such as the recovery navigator
9 program established under RCW 71.24.115.

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