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HOUSE BILL 1777

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State of Washington

63rd Legislature

2013 Regular Session

By Representatives Green and Reykdal

1 AN ACT Relating to accelerating expansion of mental health  
2 involuntary commitment laws; amending 2011 2nd sp.s. c 6 ss 1 and 3  
3 (uncodified); creating a new section; providing an effective date; and  
4 providing an expiration date.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** 2011 2nd sp.s. c 6 s 1 (uncodified) is amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 Sections 2 and 3 of this act take effect ((July)) January 1,  
9 ((2015)) 2014.

10 **Sec. 2.** 2011 2nd sp.s. c 6 s 3 (uncodified) is amended to read as  
11 follows:

12 Section 2 of this act expires ((July)) January 1, ((2015)) 2014.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The department of social and health services  
14 shall consult with stakeholders and legislative staff to ensure that  
15 moneys appropriated for this legislation are spent in a way that  
16 increases involuntary commitment capacity consistent with the findings

1 published by the Washington state institute for public policy in its  
2 two part report, "inpatient psychiatric capacity in Washington state:  
3 Assessing future needs and impacts."

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