



Open Government Impact Statement

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SUMMARY

Defines terms related to fitness to proceed. Reorganizes and restructures statutes related to fitness to proceed.

Modifies procedures and criteria for committing defendant charged with felony to state mental hospital or other facility in order to gain or regain fitness to proceed. Requires court to find that defendant requires hospital level of care due to public safety concerns or acuity of symptoms of defendant's mental disorder, and that appropriate community restoration services are not provided.

Modifies procedures and criteria for committing defendant charged with misdemeanor to state mental hospital or other facility in order to gain or regain fitness to proceed. Requires either recommendation from certified evaluator that defendant requires hospital level of care and statement from community mental health program director concerning available community restoration services, or for court to make certain findings concerning severity of defendant's symptoms, present public safety concerns and whether appropriate community restoration services are provided.

Modifies procedures when circumstances authorizing commitment of defendant no longer exist.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure limits the disclosure of documents containing recommendations resulting from consultation with a community health program director or the director's designee when making a fitness to proceed determination in the same manner as a certified evaluator's examination report.

If those public records that could be subject to public disclosure were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public would more likely be able to receive additional information regarding a defendant's fitness to proceed determination.