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House Bill 290 Summary of Changes Version S to Version K

Title:

The bill title is amended to insert “acute behavioral health crisis” in place of “acute episode of mental illness” to reflect a more accurate definition of the population crisis stabilization centers serve.

Section 1:

Subsection (a) is amended to use the term “acute behavioral health crisis.”

Subsection (b) is amended to read “emergency custody under AS 47.30.805 and deliver the person to a crisis stabilization center” because the amended language more narrowly describes the alternative in this subsection.

Former subsection (c) is removed because this language is redundant to the language in section 4.

Subsection (d) (former subsection e) is amended to add “subsection (a) or (b) of this section” for clarity.

Subsection (g) (former subsection (h)) is modified for clarity.

Subsection (h) is a new subsection that confirms that the prosecutors can charge a person with the underlying crime even if the police officer takes them to a crisis stabilization center.

Section 2:

Currently, the prosecutor must authorize a decision not to arrest under title 18. Section 2 is amended to require prosecution authorization of a decision to divert to crisis intervention.

Section 3:

The changes remove “other” before evaluation center on line 22 and before treatment center on line 25.

On line 28 and 29, the amended language identifies the three types of facilities.

Former section 6 is deleted because it is not required and the definition will be provided in regulations.

Section 6 (former Section 7):

AS 47.32.900 (22) is amended to expand to expand the definition of crisis stabilization centers to include 23-hour crisis stabilization centers, crisis residential centers, and sub-acute facilities.

Section 7

Section 7 (22) is amended to allow the Department of Health and Social Services flexibility in the timeline of licensing crisis stabilization centers, should they need arise before full licensure under this act is available.