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(A) IF A COURT FINDS IN A CRIMINAL CASE THAT A DEFENDANT HAS AN ALCOHOL OR DRUG DEPENDENCY, THE COURT MAY COMMIT THE DEFENDANT AS A CONDITION OF RELEASE, AFTER CONVICTION, OR AT ANY OTHER TIME THE DEFENDANT VOLUNTARILY AGREES TO TREATMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR INPATIENT, RESIDENTIAL, OR OUTPATIENT TREATMENT.

(B) BEFORE A COURT MAY COMMIT A DEFENDANT TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR TREATMENT, THE COURT SHALL:

(1) OFFER THE DEFENDANT THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE TREATMENT; AND

(2) OBTAIN THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE DEFENDANT:

(I) TO RECEIVE TREATMENT; AND

(II) FOR THE REPORTING OF INFORMATION BACK TO THE COURT; AND

(3) CONSULT WITH THE ADMINISTRATION.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE SERVICES REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENGAGE IN REASONABLE EFFORTS TO FACILITATE THE ADMISSION OF A DEFENDANT TO THE APPROPRIATE TREATMENT FACILITY.

(E) UNLESS THE COURT ALLOWS THE DEFENDANT TO PROVIDE THE DEFENDANT'S OWN TRANSPORTATION, ON COMMITMENT OR RELEASE OF A DEFENDANT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE COURT SHALL ORDER TRANSPORTATION BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, DETENTION CENTER STAFF, OR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT STAFF WITHIN THE LOCAL JURISDICTION.

(F) (1) A DEFENDANT'S WITHDRAWAL OF CONSENT TO TREATMENT SHALL BE PROMPTLY REPORTED TO THE COURT.

(2) THE DEFENDANT SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE COURT WITHIN 7 DAYS FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS.

(G) A DEFENDANT WHO IS COMMITTED FOR TREATMENT UNDER THIS SECTION MAY QUESTION AT ANY TIME THE LEGALITY OF THE COMMITMENT BY A PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS.

(H) (1) A COMMITMENT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE FOR AT LEAST 72 HOURS AND NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR.

(2) ON GOOD CAUSE SHOWN BY THE ADMINISTRATION, THE COURT MAY EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD FOR PROVIDING THE NECESSARY TREATMENT SERVICES IN INCREMENTS OF 6 MONTHS.