SENATE FILE NO. SF0010

Contracts for holding and treating mentally ill detainees.

Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; authorizing the department of health to enter into contracts with detention centers for holding and treating mentally ill detainees before a competency evaluation or restoration; amending definitions; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 7-11-308 is created to read:

7-11-308. Duties of the department of health as to designated facilities other than the state hospital.

The department of health may designate county detention facilities as qualified to provide security, examination or

treatment to accused persons under this act and enter into contracts with those designated facilities for the security, examination or treatment of accused persons under this act. The department may enter into contracts with counties under this section.

Section 2. 7-11-301(a)(ii) and (iv) is amended to read:

7-11-301. Definitions.

(a) As used in this act:

(ii) "Facility" means the Wyoming state hospital or other facility designated by the court ~~which~~ or the department of health that can adequately provide for the security, examination or treatment of the accused. A "facility" shall include a county jail that is subject to a written contractual agreement under W.S. 7-11-308;

(iv) "This act" means W.S. 7-11-301 through ~~7-11-307~~ 7-11-308.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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