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Bill Analysis

SB 2179 directs the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to prepare a written individualized service plan for any person who has been adjudicated to be not guilty by reason of mental illness (NGRI/MI). The Department shall be required to conduct a comprehensive psychological evaluation of such individuals and must provide the court with a plan within 45 days after the adjudication of the person. The measure provides that if any part of the plan is disputed or denied by the court, an evidentiary hearing must be held. Each part of the approved plan shall be made part of the dispositional order of the court and must be signed by certain individuals outlined in the measure. The plan must be written in simple and clear English and can be changed based on circumstances. The plan must also include a statement of the incident facts, a mental health and substance abuse history of the individual and his or her family, identification of services to be provided, risk assessments, and most recently available records. The social worker assigned to the case as well as the treating psychiatrist shall be identified in the plan. The measure requires the court to conduct an annual review hearing of the plan. The court may direct the Forensic Review Board to conduct a review earlier than is scheduled if it believes the individual has made progress.

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