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### Overview

Establishes new requirements for hearings before the special review board for individuals who have been committed as mentally ill and dangerous.

#### Section

- 1**      **Special review board.** Amends § 253B.18, subd. 4c. Makes structural changes to create new paragraph (b) which requires the special review board to review each petition for a reduction in custody from a person who has been committed as mentally ill and dangerous to determine if barriers and obstacles prevent a patient from progressing in treatment. Requires the board to report to the commissioner the trends in barriers and obstacles noted in cases before the board in the previous year.
- 2**      **Petition; notice of hearing; attendance; order.** Amends § 253B.18, subd. 5. Requires the head of the treatment facility to schedule a hearing before the special review board for any patient who has not appeared before the board in the previous three years to ensure each patient has a hearing before the special review board at least once every three years thereafter.