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Overview

Under chapter 253B, when there is no suitable alternative to judicial commitment, a court may commit a person who is mentally ill, developmentally disabled, or chemically dependent to the least restrictive program that can meet the person's treatment needs. This can include community-based treatment (which may be inpatient community hospital mental health treatment) and early intervention treatment (which is less restrictive than civil commitment and shorter-term), under specific circumstances. This bill, if passed, would add assisted outpatient treatment with weekly reporting for at least one year to the treatment alternatives a court may consider when deciding on the least restrictive treatment program.

Section

- 1** **Treatment alternatives.** Amends § 253B.066, subd. 1. Adds assisted outpatient treatment with mandatory weekly patient reporting to a treatment provider for at least one year to the list of the treatment alternatives a court may order for early intervention.
- 2** **Standard of proof.** Amends § 253B.09, subd. 1. Adds assisted outpatient treatment with mandatory weekly patient reporting to a treatment provider for at least one year to the list of the treatment alternatives a court may consider when deciding on the least restrictive program in a judicial commitment proceeding.
- 3** **Findings.** Amends § 253B.097, subd. 1. Requires a written plan for services in an order committing a person to community-based treatment to include that the patient report to the treatment provider at least weekly for a minimum of one year.