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Senate Bill 888

By Senators Takubo and Woelfel

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the Committee on Health and Human Resources; and then to the Committee on the Judiciary]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section, designated §16-53-4, relating to describing the progression of treatment for substance use disorder.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

[Article 53. Establishing Additional Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities.](https://code.wvlegislature.gov/18-5/)

§16-53-4. Progression of treatment for substance use disorder.

(a) When someone is first entering drug treatment, they are in the initiation phase and must provide a comprehensive test. After this, and continuing for six weeks, a qualitative test must be done every two weeks for six weeks.

(b) Next, the patient moves into the stabilization phase and must undergo a qualitative test every 45 days for one year.

(c) Following this, the patient moves into the maintenance phase and must undergo a qualitative test every six months thereafter.

(d) At any point the provider wants to assess compliance, the patient must be willing to produce a qualitative or quantitative test upon the provider request.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to describe the progression of treatment for substance use disorder.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.