S.287 Policy Decisions

Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Judiciary

✤ Preliminary Hearing/Probable Cause

- Mandatory or optional?
- Timeframe?
- Full hearing vs. paper review?
 - Hybrid review (i.e. combination of the two)?
 - Paper review unless full hearing is requested (or vice versa)?
- Admissible evidence?
 - If full hearing, is hearsay admissible?
 - If paper review, which documents are considered?

* Expedited Application on Involuntary Commitment

- Should there be an option to expedite the application on involuntary commitment?
 - If yes:
 - Timeframe?
 - Legal standard? (i.e. good cause or something more specific?)
 - Independent psychiatric exam (§ 7614) only for good cause?
 - Allow extensions? How many?
 - If no:
 - Expedite process elsewhere?

* Joint Filing of Application on Involuntary Commitment and Petition for Involuntary Medication

- Should there be an option to jointly file the application and petition?
- If yes:
 - Legal standard (i.e. under what circumstances)?
 - Timeframe? (Same as AIT, expedited AIT, or other?)
- If no:
 - When is petition filed? (Before or after commitment decision?)

Stays of Proceedings for Involuntary Medication

- Automatic Stay Prior to Appeal
 - Automatic 30 day stay or order takes effect immediately?
- Stay Pending Appeal
 - Stay during appeal w/ option for judicial override; or
 - Involuntary medication during appeal w/ option for judicial override?