

**CHAPTER 1202****TREATMENT PROGRAMS FOR OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED VIOLATORS**

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**AN ACT** relating to the placement in treatment programs of offenders sentenced for operating while intoxicated violations.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

Section 1. Section 904.513, subsection 1, Code 1999, is amended to read as follows:

1. a. The department of corrections, in cooperation with the judicial district departments of correctional services, shall establish in each judicial district a continuum of programming for the supervision and treatment of offenders convicted of violating chapter 321J who are sentenced to the custody of the director. The continuum shall include a range of sanctioning options that include, but are not limited to, prisons and residential facilities.

b. (1) The department of corrections shall develop standardized assessment criteria for the assignment of offenders pursuant to this chapter.

(2) Offenders convicted of violating chapter 321J, sentenced to the custody of the director, and awaiting placement in a community residential substance abuse treatment program for such offenders shall be placed in an institutional substance abuse program for such offenders within sixty days of admission to the institution or as soon as practical. When placing offenders convicted of violating chapter 321J in community residential substance abuse treatment programs for such offenders, the department shall give priority as appropriate to the placement of those offenders currently in institutional substance abuse programs for such offenders. The department shall work with each judicial district to enable such offenders to enter community residential substance abuse treatment programs at a level comparable to their prior institutional program participation.

(3) Assignment shall be for the purposes of risk management and substance abuse treatment and may include education or work programs when the offender is not participating in other program components.

(4) Assignment may also be made on the basis of the offender's treatment program performance, as a disciplinary measure, for medical needs, and for space availability at community residential facilities. If there is insufficient space at a community residential facility, the court may order an offender to be released to the supervision of the judicial district department of correctional services or held in jail.

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