

**229.14B Escape from custody.**

A person who is placed in a hospital or other suitable facility for evaluation under [section 229.13](#) or who is required to remain hospitalized for treatment under [section 229.14](#) shall remain at that hospital or facility unless discharged or otherwise permitted to leave by the court or the chief medical officer of the hospital or facility. If a person placed at a hospital or facility or required to remain at a hospital or facility leaves the facility without permission or without having been discharged, the chief medical officer may notify a sheriff or law enforcement agency of the person's absence and the sheriff or law enforcement agency shall take the person into custody and return the person promptly to the hospital or facility.

[92 Acts, ch 1072, §4](#)

C93, §229.14A

[2001 Acts, ch 155, §32, 40](#)

CS2001, §229.14B

[2025 Acts, ch 95, §6](#)

Referred to in [§218.92](#), [222.7](#), [225.17](#), [226.31](#), [229.17](#), [229.21](#), [229.26](#), [229.38](#)

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