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Section 1 amends the third-degree controlled substance possession crime relating to possessing specified controlled substances in school, park, or public housing zones, or drug treatment facilities. Currently, the threshold amount to trigger these offenses is "any amount" or "one or more mixtures" depending on the drug involved. This is changed to "more than a residual amount."

Section 2 amends the fifth-degree controlled substance possession crime relating to possessing one or more mixtures of schedule I, II, III, or IV controlled substances to require that these substances must be possessed in more than a residual amount to be considered a violation.

Section 3 amends the sentencing subdivision of the fifth-degree controlled substance crime to authorize peace officers to refer persons suspected of violating the law to a local service provider that can offer substance use assistance to the person. The officer is required to make the referral upon request at the time of the initial contact assuming doing so is practicable and there is availability.