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A BILL

To amend the versions of sections 340.03 and 1
340.041 of the Revised Code scheduled to take 2
effect on July 1, 2017, to allow a board of 3
alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health 4
services to authorize its executive director to 5
execute contracts valued at \$25,000 or less 6
without the board's prior approval. 7

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the versions of sections 340.03 and 8
340.041 of the Revised Code scheduled to take effect on July 1, 9
2017, be amended to read as follows: 10

Sec. 340.03. (A) Subject to rules issued by the director 11
of mental health and addiction services after consultation with 12
relevant constituencies as required by division (A)(10) of 13
section 5119.21 of the Revised Code, each board of alcohol, drug 14
addiction, and mental health services shall: 15

(1) Serve as the community addiction and mental health 16
planning agency for the county or counties under its 17
jurisdiction, and in so doing it shall: 18

(a) Evaluate the need for facility services, addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports; 19
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(b) In cooperation with other local and regional planning and funding bodies and with relevant ethnic organizations, evaluate strengths and challenges and set priorities for addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports. A board shall include treatment and prevention services when setting priorities for addiction services and mental health services. When a board sets priorities for addiction services, the board shall consult with the county commissioners of the counties in the board's service district regarding the services described in section 340.15 of the Revised Code and shall give priority to those services, except that those services shall not have a priority over services provided to pregnant women under programs developed in relation to the mandate established in section 5119.17 of the Revised Code. 21
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(c) In accordance with guidelines issued by the director of mental health and addiction services under division (F) of section 5119.22 of the Revised Code, annually develop and submit to the department of mental health and addiction services a community addiction and mental health plan that addresses both of the following: 36
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(i) The needs of all residents of the district currently receiving inpatient services in state-operated hospitals, the needs of other populations as required by state or federal law or programs, and the needs of all children subject to a determination made pursuant to section 121.38 of the Revised Code; 42
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(ii) The department's priorities for facility services, 48

addiction services, mental health services, and recovery 49
supports during the period for which the plan will be in effect. 50
The department shall inform all of the boards of the 51
department's priorities in a timely manner that enables the 52
boards to know the department's priorities before the boards 53
develop and submit the plans. 54

In alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health service 55
districts that have separate alcohol and drug addiction services 56
and community mental health boards, the alcohol and drug 57
addiction services board shall submit a community addiction plan 58
and the community mental health board shall submit a community 59
mental health plan. Each board shall consult with its 60
counterpart in developing its plan and address the interaction 61
between the local addiction and mental health systems and 62
populations with regard to needs and priorities in developing 63
its plan. 64

The department shall approve or disapprove the plan, in 65
whole or in part, in accordance with division (G) of section 66
5119.22 of the Revised Code. Eligibility for state and federal 67
funding shall be contingent upon an approved plan or relevant 68
part of a plan. 69

If a board determines that it is necessary to amend an 70
approved plan, the board shall submit a proposed amendment to 71
the director. The director shall approve or disapprove all or 72
part of the amendment in accordance with division (H) of section 73
5119.22 of the Revised Code. 74

The board shall operate in accordance with the plan 75
approved by the department. 76

(d) Promote, arrange, and implement working agreements 77

with social agencies, both public and private, and with judicial agencies. 78
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(2) Investigate, or request another agency to investigate, 80
any complaint alleging abuse or neglect of any person receiving 81
addiction services, mental health services, or recovery supports 82
from a community addiction services provider or community mental 83
health services provider or alleging abuse or neglect of a 84
resident receiving addiction services or with mental illness or 85
severe mental disability residing in a residential facility 86
licensed under section 5119.34 of the Revised Code. If the 87
investigation substantiates the charge of abuse or neglect, the 88
board shall take whatever action it determines is necessary to 89
correct the situation, including notification of the appropriate 90
authorities. Upon request, the board shall provide information 91
about such investigations to the department. 92

(3) For the purpose of section 5119.36 of the Revised 93
Code, cooperate with the director of mental health and addiction 94
services in visiting and evaluating whether the certifiable 95
services and supports of a community addiction services provider 96
or community mental health services provider satisfy the 97
certification standards established by rules adopted under that 98
section; 99

(4) In accordance with criteria established under division 100
(D) of section 5119.22 of the Revised Code, conduct program 101
audits that review and evaluate the quality, effectiveness, and 102
efficiency of addiction services, mental health services, and 103
recovery supports provided by community addiction services 104
providers and community mental health services providers under 105
contract with the board and submit the board's findings and 106
recommendations to the department of mental health and addiction 107

services;	108
(5) In accordance with section 5119.34 of the Revised Code, review an application for a residential facility license and provide to the department of mental health and addiction services any information about the applicant or facility that the board would like the department to consider in reviewing the application;	109 110 111 112 113 114
(6) Audit, in accordance with rules adopted by the auditor of state pursuant to section 117.20 of the Revised Code, at least annually all programs, addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports provided under contract with the board. In so doing, the board may contract for or employ the services of private auditors. A copy of the fiscal audit report shall be provided to the director of mental health and addiction services, the auditor of state, and the county auditor of each county in the board's district.	115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123
(7) Recruit and promote local financial support for addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports from private and public sources;	124 125 126
(8) In accordance with guidelines issued by the department as necessary to comply with state and federal laws pertaining to financial assistance, approve fee schedules and related charges or adopt a unit cost schedule or other methods of payment for addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports provided by community addiction services providers and community mental health services providers that have contracted with the board under section 340.036 of the Revised Code;	127 128 129 130 131 132 133 134
(9) Submit to the director and the county commissioners of the county or counties served by the board, and make available	135 136

to the public, an annual report of the addiction services, 137
mental health services, and recovery supports under the 138
jurisdiction of the board, including a fiscal accounting; 139

(10) Establish a method for evaluating referrals for 140
court-ordered treatment and affidavits filed pursuant to section 141
5122.11 of the Revised Code in order to assist the probate 142
division of the court of common pleas in determining whether 143
there is probable cause that a respondent is subject to court- 144
ordered treatment and whether alternatives to hospitalization 145
are available and appropriate; 146

(11) Designate the treatment services, provider, facility, 147
or other placement for each person involuntarily committed to 148
the board pursuant to Chapter 5122. of the Revised Code. The 149
board shall provide the least restrictive and most appropriate 150
alternative that is available for any person involuntarily 151
committed to it and shall assure that the list of addiction 152
services, mental health services, and recovery supports 153
submitted and approved in accordance with division (B) of 154
section 340.08 of the Revised Code are available to severely 155
mentally disabled persons residing within its service district. 156
The board shall establish the procedure for authorizing payment 157
for the services and supports, which may include prior 158
authorization in appropriate circumstances. In accordance with 159
section 340.037 of the Revised Code, the board may provide 160
addiction services and mental health services directly to a 161
severely mentally disabled person when life or safety is 162
endangered and when no community addiction services provider or 163
community mental health services provider is available to 164
provide the service. 165

(12) Ensure that housing built, subsidized, renovated, 166

rented, owned, or leased by the board or a community addiction 167
services provider or community mental health services provider 168
has been approved as meeting minimum fire safety standards and 169
that persons residing in the housing have access to appropriate 170
and necessary services, including culturally relevant services, 171
from a community addiction services provider or community mental 172
health services provider. This division does not apply to 173
residential facilities licensed pursuant to section 5119.34 of 174
the Revised Code. 175

(13) Establish a mechanism for obtaining advice and 176
involvement of persons receiving addiction services, mental 177
health services, or recovery supports on matters pertaining to 178
services and supports in the alcohol, drug addiction, and mental 179
health service district; 180

(14) Perform the duties required by rules adopted under 181
section 5119.22 of the Revised Code regarding referrals by the 182
board or community mental health services providers under 183
contract with the board of individuals with mental illness or 184
severe mental disability to class two residential facilities 185
licensed under section 5119.34 of the Revised Code and effective 186
arrangements for ongoing mental health services for the 187
individuals. The board is accountable in the manner specified in 188
the rules for ensuring that the ongoing mental health services 189
are effectively arranged for the individuals. 190

(B) Each board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental 191
health services shall establish such rules, operating 192
procedures, standards, and bylaws, and perform such other duties 193
as may be necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of this 194
chapter. 195

(C) A board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health 196

services may receive by gift, grant, devise, or bequest any 197
moneys, lands, or property for the benefit of the purposes for 198
which the board is established, and may hold and apply it 199
according to the terms of the gift, grant, or bequest. All money 200
received, including accrued interest, by gift, grant, or bequest 201
shall be deposited in the treasury of the county, the treasurer 202
of which is custodian of the alcohol, drug addiction, and mental 203
health services funds to the credit of the board and shall be 204
available for use by the board for purposes stated by the donor 205
or grantor. 206

(D) No member or employee of a board of alcohol, drug 207
addiction, and mental health services shall be liable for injury 208
or damages caused by any action or inaction taken within the 209
scope of the member's official duties or the employee's 210
employment, whether or not such action or inaction is expressly 211
authorized by this section or any other section of the Revised 212
Code, unless such action or inaction constitutes willful or 213
wanton misconduct. Chapter 2744. of the Revised Code applies to 214
any action or inaction by a member or employee of a board taken 215
within the scope of the member's official duties or employee's 216
employment. For the purposes of this division, the conduct of a 217
member or employee shall not be considered willful or wanton 218
misconduct if the member or employee acted in good faith and in 219
a manner that the member or employee reasonably believed was in 220
or was not opposed to the best interests of the board and, with 221
respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable 222
cause to believe the conduct was unlawful. 223

(E) The meetings held by any committee established by a 224
board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services 225
shall be considered to be meetings of a public body subject to 226
section 121.22 of the Revised Code. 227

(F) (1) A board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services may establish a rule, operating procedure, standard, or bylaw to allow the executive director of the board to execute both of the following types of contracts valued at twenty-five thousand dollars or less, as determined by the board, on behalf of the board without the board's prior approval: 228
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(a) Emergency contracts for clinical services or recovery support services; 235
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(b) Standard service contracts pertaining to the board's operations. 237
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(2) If a board establishes a rule, operating procedure, standard, or bylaw under division (F) (1) of this section, both of the following shall be the case: 239
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(a) The board shall define the scope of contracts described in divisions (F) (1) (a) and (b) of this section in that rule, operating procedure, standard, or bylaw. 242
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(b) The board shall disclose the existence of a contract executed pursuant to the rule, operating procedure, standard, or bylaw at the first board meeting that occurs after the contract was executed and ensure that a record of that disclosure is included in the written minutes of that meeting. 245
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Sec. 340.041. In addition to such other duties as may be lawfully imposed, the executive director of a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services shall: 250
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(A) Serve as executive officer of the board and, subject to the prior approval of the board for each contract, except contracts, if any, to which division (F) of section 340.03 of the Revised Code applies, execute contracts on its behalf; 253
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(B) Supervise addiction services, mental health services,	257
recovery supports, and facilities provided, operated,	258
contracted, or supported by the board to the extent of	259
determining that services, supports, and facilities are being	260
administered in conformity with this chapter and rules of the	261
director of mental health and addiction services;	262
(C) Provide consultation to community addiction services	263
providers and community mental health services providers;	264
(D) Recommend to the board the changes necessary to	265
increase the effectiveness of addiction services, mental health	266
services, and recovery supports and other matters necessary or	267
desirable to carry out this chapter;	268
(E) Employ and remove from office such employees and	269
consultants in the classified civil service and, subject to the	270
approval of the board, employ and remove from office such other	271
employees and consultants as may be necessary for the work of	272
the board, and fix their compensation and reimbursement within	273
the limits set by the salary schedule and the budget approved by	274
the board;	275
(F) Encourage the development and expansion of preventive,	276
treatment, and consultative services, as well as recovery	277
supports, in the fields of addiction services and mental health	278
services with emphasis on continuity of care;	279
(G) Prepare for board approval an annual report of the	280
addiction services, mental health services, recovery supports,	281
and facilities under the jurisdiction of the board, including a	282
fiscal accounting of all services and supports;	283
(H) Conduct such studies as may be necessary and	284
practicable for the promotion of mental health, promotion of	285

addiction services, and the prevention of mental illness,	286
emotional disorders, and addiction;	287
(I) Authorize the county auditor, or in a joint-county	288
district the county auditor designated as the auditor for the	289
district, to issue warrants for the payment of board obligations	290
approved by the board, provided that all payments from funds	291
distributed to the board by the department of mental health and	292
addiction services are in accordance with the budget submitted	293
pursuant to section 340.08 of the Revised Code, as approved by	294
the department of mental health and addiction services.	295
Section 2. That the existing versions of sections 340.03	296
and 340.041 of the Revised Code scheduled to take effect on July	297
1, 2017, are hereby repealed.	298
Section 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this act take effect on	299
July 1, 2017.	300