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A BILL

To enact section 5119.366 of the Revised Code 1
regarding the assessment of a client who has 2
been referred to a community mental health or 3
addiction services provider for treatment 4
related to probation for a criminal offense. 5

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

Section 1. That section 5119.366 of the Revised Code be 6
enacted to read as follows: 7

Sec. 5119.366. (A) Notwithstanding any rule of the 8
department of mental health and addiction services, in lieu of 9
conducting an assessment of a client referred for treatment 10
related to the client's probation for a criminal offense, a 11
community mental health or addiction services provider shall 12
accept an assessment conducted by another provider if both of 13
the following conditions are met: 14

(1) The assessment was conducted by a provider certified 15
under section 5119.36 of the Revised Code or contains elements 16
comparable to those of an assessment required by rules adopted 17
by the department; 18

(2) The assessment was completed not earlier than one year 19
prior to the date the client is to begin receiving services from 20
the provider. 21

(B) A staff member who is authorized by the provider to 22
conduct assessments shall update, sign, and date a copy of an 23
assessment accepted under this section. The copy shall be filed 24
in the client's record maintained by the provider. 25