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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