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A BILL

То	amend sections 5122.01 and 5122.10 of the	1
	Revised Code to make changes to the law	2
	regarding involuntary treatment for mentally ill	3
	persons subject to a court order.	4

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

Section 1. That sections 5122.01 and 5122.10 of the	5
Revised Code be amended to read as follows:	6
Sec. 5122.01. As used in this chapter and Chapter 5119. of	7
the Revised Code:	8
(A) "Mental illness" means a substantial disorder of	9
thought, mood, perception, orientation, or memory that grossly	10
impairs judgment, behavior, capacity to recognize reality, or	11
ability to meet the ordinary demands of life.	12
(B) "Mentally ill person subject to court order" means a	13
mentally ill person who, because of the person's illness:	14
(1) Represents a substantial risk of physical harm to self	15
as manifested by evidence of threats of, or attempts at, suicide	16

or serious self-inflicted bodily harm;	17
(2) Represents a substantial risk of physical harm to	18
others as manifested by evidence of recent homicidal or other	19
violent behavior, evidence of recent threats that place another	20
in reasonable fear of violent behavior and serious physical	21
harm, or other evidence of present dangerousness;	22
(3) Represents a substantial and immediate risk of serious	23
physical impairment or injury to self as manifested by evidence	24
that the person is unable to provide for and is not providing	25
for the person's basic physical needs because of the person's	26
mental illness and that appropriate provision for those needs	27
cannot be made immediately available in the community;	28
(4) Would benefit from treatment for the person's mental	29
illness and is in need of such treatment as manifested by	30
evidence of behavior that creates a grave and imminent risk to	31
substantial rights of others or the person;	32
(5)(a) (5) Represents a substantial risk of harm to self	33
or others as manifested by evidence that indicates all of the	34
<pre>following:</pre>	35
(a) The person's judgment is impaired by a lack of	36
understanding of having an illness or a need for treatment, or	37
both.	38
(b) The person refuses treatment or is not adhering to	39
<pre>prescribed treatment.</pre>	40
(c) The person has been diagnosed with one or more of the	41
following conditions as defined in the most recent edition of	42
the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders	43
published by the American psychiatric association:	44

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an affidavit seeking court-ordered treatment of the person under	72
section 5122.111 of the Revised Code, the lack of compliance	73
resulted in one or more acts of serious violent behavior toward	74
self or others or threats of, or attempts at, serious physical	75
harm to self or others, provided that the forty-eight-month	76
period shall be extended by the length of any hospitalization or	77
incarceration of the person that occurred within the forty-	78
eight-month period.	79
(iii) The person, as a result of the person's mental	80
illness, is unlikely to voluntarily participate in necessary	81
treatment.	82
(iv) In view of the person's treatment history and current	83
behavior, the person is in need of treatment in order to prevent	84
a relapse or deterioration that would be likely to result in	85
substantial risk of serious harm to the person or others.	86
(b) An individual who meets only the criteria described in	87
division $\frac{(B)(5)(a)}{(B)(6)(a)}$ of this section is not subject to	88
hospitalization.	89
(C)(1) "Patient" means, subject to division (C)(2) of this	90
section, a person who is admitted either voluntarily or	91
involuntarily to a hospital or other place under section	92
2945.39, 2945.40, 2945.401, or 2945.402 of the Revised Code	93
subsequent to a finding of not guilty by reason of insanity or	94
incompetence to stand trial or under this chapter, who is under	95
observation or receiving treatment in such place.	96
(2) "Patient" does not include a person admitted to a	97

hospital or other place under section 2945.39, 2945.40,

2945.401, or 2945.402 of the Revised Code to the extent that the

reference in this chapter to patient, or the context in which

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the reference occurs, is in conflict with any provision of	101
sections 2945.37 to 2945.402 of the Revised Code.	102
(D) "Licensed physician" means a person licensed under the	103
laws of this state to practice medicine or a medical officer of	104
the government of the United States while in this state in the	105
performance of the person's official duties.	106
(E) "Psychiatrist" means a licensed physician who has	107
satisfactorily completed a residency training program in	108
psychiatry, as approved by the residency review committee of the	109
American medical association, the committee on post-graduate	110
education of the American osteopathic association, or the	111
American osteopathic board of neurology and psychiatry, or who	112
on July 1, 1989, has been recognized as a psychiatrist by the	113
Ohio state medical association or the Ohio osteopathic	114
association on the basis of formal training and five or more	115
years of medical practice limited to psychiatry.	116
(F) "Hospital" means a hospital or inpatient unit licensed	117
by the department of mental health and addiction services under	118
section 5119.33 of the Revised Code, and any institution,	119
hospital, or other place established, controlled, or supervised	120
by the department under Chapter 5119. of the Revised Code.	121
(G) "Public hospital" means a facility that is tax-	122
supported and under the jurisdiction of the department of mental	123
health and addiction services.	124
(H) "Community mental health services provider" means an	125
agency, association, corporation, individual, or program that	126

provides community mental health services that are certified by

the director of mental health and addiction services under

section 5119.36 of the Revised Code.

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- (I) "Licensed clinical psychologist" means a person who 130 holds a current, valid psychologist license issued under section 131 4732.12 of the Revised Code, and in addition, meets the 132 educational requirements set forth in division (B) of section 133 4732.10 of the Revised Code and has a minimum of two years' 134 full-time professional experience, or the equivalent as 135 determined by rule of the state board of psychology, at least 136 one year of which shall be a predoctoral internship, in clinical 137 psychological work in a public or private hospital or clinic or 138 in private practice, diagnosing and treating problems of mental 139 illness or intellectual disability under the supervision of a 140 psychologist who is licensed or who holds a diploma issued by 141 the American board of professional psychology, or whose 142 qualifications are substantially similar to those required for 143 licensure by the state board of psychology when the supervision 144 has occurred prior to enactment of laws governing the practice 145 of psychology. 146
- (J) "Health officer" means any public health physician; public health nurse; or other person authorized or designated by a city or general health district or a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services to perform the duties of a health officer under this chapter.
- (K) "Chief clinical officer" means the medical director of 152 a hospital, community mental health services provider, or board 153 of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services, or, if 154 there is no medical director, the licensed physician responsible 155 for the treatment provided by a hospital or community mental 156 health services provider. The chief clinical officer may 157 delegate to the attending physician responsible for a patient's 158 care the duties imposed on the chief clinical officer by this 159 chapter. In the case of a community mental health services 160

(R) "Expunge" means:

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provider, the chief clinical officer shall be designated by the	Τ 0 1
governing body of the services provider and shall be a licensed	162
physician or licensed clinical psychologist who supervises	163
diagnostic and treatment services. A licensed physician or	164
licensed clinical psychologist designated by the chief clinical	165
officer may perform the duties and accept the responsibilities	166
of the chief clinical officer in the chief clinical officer's	167
absence.	168
(L) "Working day" or "court day" means Monday, Tuesday,	169
Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, except when such day is a	170
holiday.	171
(M) "Indigent" means unable without deprivation of	172
satisfaction of basic needs to provide for the payment of an	173
attorney and other necessary expenses of legal representation,	174
including expert testimony.	175
(N) "Respondent" means the person whose detention,	176
commitment, hospitalization, continued hospitalization or	177
commitment, or discharge is being sought in any proceeding under	178
this chapter.	179
(O) "Ohio protection and advocacy system" has the same	180
meaning as in section 5123.60 of the Revised Code.	181
(P) "Independent expert evaluation" means an evaluation	182
conducted by a licensed clinical psychologist, psychiatrist, or	183
licensed physician who has been selected by the respondent or	184
the respondent's counsel and who consents to conducting the	185
evaluation.	186
(Q) "Court" means the probate division of the court of	187
common pleas.	188

(1) The removal and destruction of court files and	190
records, originals and copies, and the deletion of all index	191
references;	192
(2) The reporting to the person of the nature and extent	193
of any information about the person transmitted to any other	194
person by the court;	195
(3) Otherwise insuring that any examination of court files	196
and records in question shall show no record whatever with	197
respect to the person;	198
(4) That all rights and privileges are restored, and that	199
the person, the court, and any other person may properly reply	200
that no such record exists, as to any matter expunged.	201
(S) "Residence" means a person's physical presence in a	202
county with intent to remain there, except that:	203
(1) If a person is receiving a mental health service at a	204
facility that includes nighttime sleeping accommodations,	205
residence means that county in which the person maintained the	206
person's primary place of residence at the time the person	207
entered the facility;	208
(2) If a person is committed pursuant to section 2945.38,	209
2945.39, 2945.40, 2945.401, or 2945.402 of the Revised Code,	210
residence means the county where the criminal charges were	211
filed.	212
When the residence of a person is disputed, the matter of	213
residence shall be referred to the department of mental health	214
and addiction services for investigation and determination.	215
Residence shall not be a basis for a board of alcohol, drug	216
addiction, and mental health services to deny services to any	217
person present in the board's service district, and the board	218

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(d) Individual or group therapy;	248
(e) Peer support services;	249
(f) Financial services;	250
(g) Housing or supervised living services;	251
(h) Alcohol or substance abuse treatment;	252
(i) Any other services prescribed to treat the patient's	253
mental illness and to either assist the patient in living and	254
functioning in the community or to help prevent a relapse or a	255
deterioration of the patient's current condition.	256
(3) If the person subject to the treatment plan has	257
executed an advance directive for mental health treatment, the	258
treatment team shall consider any directions included in such	259
advance directive in developing the treatment plan.	260
(W) "Community control sanction" has the same meaning as	261
in section 2929.01 of the Revised Code.	262
(X) "Post-release control sanction" has the same meaning	263
as in section 2967.01 of the Revised Code.	264
(Y) "Local correctional facility" has the same meaning as	265
in section 2903.13 of the Revised Code.	266
(Z) "Clinical nurse specialist" and "certified nurse	267
practitioner" have the same meanings as in section 4723.01 of	268
the Revised Code.	269
Sec. 5122.10. (A)(1) Any of the following who has reason	270
to believe that a person is a mentally ill person subject to	271
court order and represents a substantial risk of physical harm	272
to self or others if allowed to remain at liberty pending	273
examination may take the person into custody and may immediately	274

transport the person to a hospital or, notwithstanding section	275
5119.33 of the Revised Code, to a general hospital not licensed	276
by the department of mental health and addiction services where	277
the person may be held for the period prescribed in this	278
section:	279
(a) A psychiatrist;	280
(b) A licensed physician;	281
(c) A licensed clinical psychologist;	282
(d) A clinical nurse specialist who is certified as a	283
psychiatric-mental health CNS by the American nurses	284
<pre>credentialing center;</pre>	285
(e) A certified nurse practitioner who is certified as a	286
psychiatric-mental health NP by the American nurses	287
credentialing center;	288
(f) A health officer;	289
(g) A parole officer;	290
(h) A police officer;	291
(i) A sheriff.	292
(2) If the chief of the adult parole authority or a parole	293
or probation officer with the approval of the chief of the	294
authority has reason to believe that a parolee, an offender	295
under a community control sanction or post-release control	296
sanction, or an offender under transitional control is a	297
mentally ill person subject to court order and represents a	298
substantial risk of physical harm to self or others if allowed	299
to remain at liberty pending examination, the chief or officer	300
may take the parolee or offender into custody and may	301

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immediately transport the parolee or offender to a hospital or,	302
notwithstanding section 5119.33 of the Revised Code, to a	303
general hospital not licensed by the department of mental health	304
and addiction services where the parolee or offender may be held	305
for the period prescribed in this section.	306
$\frac{B}{B}$ (B) (1) A written statement shall be given to the	307
hospital by the individual authorized under division (A)(1) or	308
(2) of this section to transport the person. The statement shall	309
specify the circumstances under which such person was taken into	310
custody and the reasons for the belief that the person is a	311
mentally ill person subject to court order and represents a	312
substantial risk of physical harm to self or others if allowed	313
to remain at liberty pending examination. This statement shall	314
be made available to the respondent or the respondent's attorney	315
upon request of either.	316
A statement is not invalid if given to a general hospital	317
when a person is transported to the general hospital under	318
division (D) of this section or if the statement identifies a	319
general hospital as the receiving hospital. A general hospital	320
that receives a statement shall transmit the statement to a	321
hospital as defined in section 5122.01 of the Revised Code when	322
transferring a person to the hospital in accordance with this	323
section.	324
(2) If an individual authorized under division (A)(1) or	325
(2) of this section to transport a person is transporting a	326
person the individual believes to be a mentally ill person	327
subject to a court order under division (B)(5) of section	328
5122.01 of the Revised Code, the individual shall specify, in	329
addition to the written statement required under division (B)(1)	330
of this section, any available relevant information about the	331

history of the person's mental illness, if the individual	332
determines that the additional information has a reasonable	333
bearing on the decision to transport the person. The additional	334
information shall include information from anyone who has	335
provided mental health or related support services to the person	336
being transported, information from one or more family members	337
of the person being transported, or information from the person	338
being transported or anyone designated to speak on the person's	339
<pre>behalf.</pre>	340
(C) Every reasonable and appropriate effort shall be made	341
to take persons into custody in the least conspicuous manner	342
possible. A person taking the respondent into custody pursuant	343
to this section shall explain to the respondent: the name and	344
professional designation and affiliation of the person taking	345
the respondent into custody; that the custody-taking is not a	346
criminal arrest; and that the person is being taken for	347
examination by mental health professionals at a specified mental	348
health facility identified by name.	349
(D) If Except as otherwise provided in this section, if a	350
person taken into custody under this section is transported to a	351
general hospital, the general hospital may admit the person, or	352
provide care and treatment for the person, or both,	353
notwithstanding section 5119.33 of the Revised Code, but by the	354
end of twenty-four hours after arrival at the general hospital,	355
the person shall be transferred to a hospital as defined in	356
section 5122.01 of the Revised Code.	357
(E) If a person taken into custody and transported to a	358
general hospital as described in division (D) of this section is	359
not medically stable at the end of the twenty-four-hour period	360

described in that division, the general hospital may continue to

provide care and treatment for the person until a treating	362
physician deems the person to be medically stable to be	363
transferred to a hospital as defined in section 5122.01 of the	364
Revised Code.	365
(F) If a person taken into custody and transported to a	366
general hospital as described in division (D) of this section is	367
unable to be transferred to a hospital as defined in section	368
5122.01 of the Revised Code within twenty-four hours because of	369
an inability to identify a hospital willing to accept the	370
person, the general hospital may continue to provide care and	371
treatment to the person until the person can be transferred to a	372
hospital willing to accept the person.	373
(G) If a licensed physician responsible for diagnosing or	374
treating mental illness, a licensed clinical psychologist, a	375
psychiatrist, or a health officer examines an individual	376
described in division (D), (E), or (F) of this section at a	377
general hospital and determines that the person is not a	378
mentally ill person subject to a court order, the general	379
hospital may release or discharge the person if the person is	380
medically stable, unless a court has issued a temporary order of	381
detention applicable to the person under section 5122.11 of the	382
Revised Code. Nothing in this section shall be construed as	383
requiring a general hospital to have the resources for or	384
provide a licensed physician responsible for diagnosing or	385
treating mental illness, a licensed clinical psychologist, a	386
psychiatrist, or a health officer to make a determination	387
whether a person is a mentally ill person subject to a court	388
order.	389
(H) A person transported or transferred to a hospital or	390
community montal health services provider under this section	3 0 1

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shall be examined by the staff of the hospital or services	392
provider within twenty-four hours after arrival at the hospital	393
or services provider. If to conduct the examination requires	394
that the person remain overnight, the hospital or services	395
provider shall admit the person in an unclassified status until	396
making a disposition under this section. After the examination,	397
if the chief clinical officer of the hospital or services	398
provider believes that the person is not a mentally ill person	399
subject to court order, the chief clinical officer shall release	400
or discharge the person immediately unless a court has issued a	401
temporary order of detention applicable to the person under	402
section 5122.11 of the Revised Code. After the examination, if	403
the chief clinical officer believes that the person is a	404
mentally ill person subject to court order, the chief clinical	405
officer may detain the person for not more than three court days	406
following the day of the examination and during such period	407
admit the person as a voluntary patient under section 5122.02 of	408
the Revised Code or file an affidavit under section 5122.11 of	409
the Revised Code. If neither action is taken and a court has not	410
otherwise issued a temporary order of detention applicable to	411
the person under section 5122.11 of the Revised Code, the chief	412
clinical officer shall discharge the person at the end of the	413
three-day period unless the person has been sentenced to the	414
department of rehabilitation and correction and has not been	415
released from the person's sentence, in which case the person	416
shall be returned to that department.	417

Section 2. That existing sections 5122.01 and 5122.10 of

the Revised Code are hereby repealed.