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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Introduced by Senator Schuitmaker

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 437

AN ACT to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “An act to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to the organization and jurisdiction of the courts of this state; the powers and duties of the courts, and of the judges and other officers of the courts; the forms and attributes of civil claims and actions; the time within which civil actions and proceedings may be brought in the courts; pleading, evidence, practice, and procedure in civil and criminal actions and proceedings in the courts; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; to provide remedies and penalties for the violation of certain provisions of this act; to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 1091 (MCL 600.1091), as added by 2013 PA 274.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 1091. (1) The circuit court or the district court in any judicial circuit or a district court in any judicial district may adopt or institute a mental health court pursuant to statute or court rules. However, if the mental health court will include in its program individuals who may be eligible for discharge and dismissal of an offense, delayed sentence, or deviation from the sentencing guidelines, the circuit or district court shall not adopt or institute the mental health court unless the circuit or district court enters into a memorandum of understanding with each participating prosecuting attorney in the circuit or district court district, a representative or representatives of the community mental health services programs, a representative of the criminal defense bar, and a representative or representatives of community treatment providers. The memorandum of understanding also may include other parties considered necessary, including, but not limited to, a representative or representatives of the local court funding unit or a domestic violence service provider program that receives funding from the state domestic violence prevention and treatment board. The memorandum of understanding must describe the role of each party.

(2) A family division of circuit court in any judicial circuit may adopt or institute a juvenile mental health court pursuant to statute or court rules. The creation or existence of a mental health court does not change the statutes or court rules concerning discharge or dismissal of an offense, or a delayed sentence or deferred entry of judgment. A family division of circuit court adopting or instituting a juvenile mental health court shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with all participating prosecuting authorities in the circuit or district court, a representative or representatives of the community mental health services program, a representative of the criminal defense bar specializing in juvenile law, and a representative or representatives of community treatment providers that describes the roles and responsibilities of each party to the memorandum of understanding. The memorandum of understanding also may include other parties considered necessary, including, but not limited to, a representative or representatives of the local court funding unit or a domestic violence service provider program that receives funding from the state domestic violence prevention and treatment board. The memorandum of understanding must describe the role of each party. A juvenile mental health court is subject to the same procedures and requirements provided in this chapter for a mental health court created under subsection (1), except as specifically provided otherwise in this chapter.

(3) A court that has adopted a mental health court under this section may accept participants from any other jurisdiction in this state based upon the residence of the participant in the receiving jurisdiction, the nonavailability of a mental health court in the jurisdiction where the participant is charged, and the availability of financial resources for both operations of the mental health court program and treatment services. A mental health court may refuse to accept participants from other jurisdictions.

(4) Beginning January 1, 2018, a mental health court operating in this state, or a circuit court in any judicial circuit or the district court in any judicial district seeking to adopt or institute a mental health court, must be certified by the state court administrative office. The state court administrative office shall establish the procedure for certification. Approval and certification under this subsection of a mental health court is required to begin or to continue the operation of a mental health court under this chapter. The state court administrative office shall not recognize and include a mental health court that is not certified under this subsection on the statewide official list of mental health courts. The state court administrative office shall include a mental health court certified under this subsection on the statewide official list of mental health courts. A mental health court that is not certified under this subsection shall not perform any of the functions of a mental health court, including, but not limited to, any of the following functions:

- (a) Charging a fee under section 1095.
- (b) Discharging and dismissing a case as provided in section 1098.
- (c) Receiving funding under section 1099a.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.

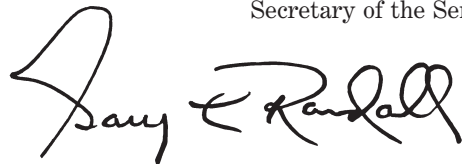
Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless all of the following bills of the 99th Legislature are enacted into law:

- (a) Senate Bill No. 435.
- (b) Senate Bill No. 436.
- (c) Senate Bill No. 438.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Secretary of the Senate



Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved

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Governor