

HOUSE BILL NO. 4690

May 30, 2023, Introduced by Reps. Coffia, McFall, Andrews, Arbit, Paiz, Rheingans, Byrnes, Brabec, Morgan and Hood and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1927 PA 175, entitled
"The code of criminal procedure,"
(MCL 760.1 to 777.69) by adding section 3a to chapter IX.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

CHAPTER IX

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2 **Sec. 3a. (1) If the court orders a defendant to attend a**
3 **treatment program as part of a sentence or a condition of a**
4 **deferred proceeding, the court shall inquire, on the record, if the**
5 **defendant has an objection to a religious element of that treatment**
6 **program. If the defendant objects to a religious element of the**

1 treatment program, the court shall identify a secular treatment
2 program that the defendant confirms on the record eliminates the
3 defendant's religious objection. If a secular treatment program is
4 not available locally, the court shall allow the defendant to
5 participate in a secular treatment program online.

6 (2) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Secular treatment program" means a treatment program that
8 does not ask the participants to engage in religious practices such
9 as prayer or reliance on a God.

10 (b) "Treatment program" means any court-ordered substance use
11 disorder recovery program.

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