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2 (a) The Supreme Court of Appeals shall, in consultation with
3 the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources and
4 local mental health services consumers and providers, implement ~~in~~
5 ~~at least four and no more than six judicial circuits, beginning on~~
6 ~~July 1, 2006,~~ throughout the state modified mental hygiene
7 procedures that are consistent with the requirements set forth in
8 this section. The judicial circuits selected for implementing the
9 modified procedures shall be circuits in which the Supreme Court of
10 Appeals determines, after consultation with the Secretary of the
11 Department of Health and Human Resources and local mental health
12 consumers and service providers, that adequate resources will be
13 available to implement the modified procedures. After July 1,
14 2012, the Supreme Court of Appeals and the Secretary of the
15 Department of Health and Human Resources may add programs for
16 modified mental hygiene procedures in any judicial circuit that
17 establishes a need for the same.

18 **(b)** The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human
19 Resources, after consultation with the Supreme Court of Appeals and
20 local mental health services consumers and service providers, shall
21 prescribe appropriate forms to implement the modified procedures
22 and shall annually prepare a report on the use of the modified
23 procedures and transmit the report to the Legislature on or before
24 the last day of each calendar year.

1 (c) The Supreme Court of Appeals may, after consultation with
2 the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Resources and
3 local mental health services consumers and providers ~~during the~~
4 ~~pilot program period,~~ further modify any specific modified
5 procedures that are implemented ~~Provided, That~~ pursuant to this
6 section. The modified procedures must be consistent with the
7 requirements of this chapter and this section. If the Secretary of
8 the Department of Health and Human Resources determines that the
9 use of any modified procedure in one or more judicial circuits is
10 placing an unacceptable additional burden upon state mental health
11 resources, the Supreme Court of Appeals shall, in consultation with
12 the secretary, modify the procedures used in such a fashion as will
13 address the concerns of the secretary, consistent with the
14 requirements of this chapter. ~~The provisions of this section and~~
15 ~~the modified procedures thereby authorized shall cease to have any~~
16 ~~force and effect on June 30, 2012, unless extended by an act of the~~
17 ~~Legislature prior to that date.~~

18 ~~(b)~~ (1) The modified procedures shall authorize that a
19 verified petition seeking a treatment compliance order may be filed
20 by any person alleging:

21 (A) That an individual, on two or more occasions within a
22 twenty-four month period prior to the filing of the petition, as a
23 result of mental illness, has been hospitalized pursuant to the

1 provisions of this chapter; or that the individual has been
2 convicted of one or more crimes of violence against the person
3 within a twenty-four month period prior to the filing of the
4 petition and the individual's failure to take prescribed medication
5 or follow another prescribed regimen to treat a mental illness was
6 a significant aggravating or contributing factor in the
7 circumstances surrounding the crime;

8 (B) That the individual's previous hospitalizations due to
9 mental illness or the individual's crime of violence occurred after
10 or as a result of the individual's failure to take medication or
11 other treatment as prescribed by a physician to treat the
12 individual's mental illness; and

13 (C) That the individual, in the absence of a court order
14 requiring him or her to take medication or other treatment as
15 prescribed, is unlikely to do so and that his or her failure to
16 take medication or follow other regimen or treatment as prescribed
17 is likely to lead to further instances in the reasonably near
18 future in which the individual becomes likely to cause serious harm
19 or commit a crime of violence against the person.

20 (2) Upon the filing of a petition seeking a treatment
21 compliance order and the petition's review by a circuit judge or
22 mental hygiene commissioner, counsel shall be appointed for the
23 individual if the individual does not already have counsel and a

1 copy of the petition and all supporting evidence shall be furnished
2 to the individual and their counsel. If the circuit judge or
3 mental hygiene commissioner determines on the basis of the petition
4 that it is necessary to protect the individual or to secure their
5 examination, a detention order may be entered ordering that the
6 individual be taken into custody and examined by a psychiatrist or
7 licensed psychologist. A hearing on the allegations in the
8 petition, which may be combined with a hearing on a probable cause
9 petition conducted pursuant to the provisions of section two of
10 this article or a final commitment hearing conducted pursuant to
11 the provisions of section four of this article, shall be held
12 before a circuit judge or mental hygiene commissioner. If the
13 individual is taken into custody and remains in custody as a result
14 of a detention order, the hearing shall be held within forty-eight
15 hours of the time that the individual is taken into custody.

16 (3) If the allegations in the petition seeking a treatment
17 compliance order are proved by the evidence adduced at the hearing,
18 which must include expert testimony by a psychiatrist or licensed
19 psychologist, the circuit judge or mental hygiene commissioner may
20 enter a treatment compliance order for a period not to exceed six
21 months upon making the following findings:

22 (A) That the individual is eighteen years of age or older;

23 (B) That on two or more occasions within a twenty-four month

1 period prior to the filing of the petition an individual, as a
2 result of mental illness, has been hospitalized pursuant to the
3 provisions of this chapter; or that on at least one occasion within
4 a twenty-four month period prior to the filing of the petition has
5 been convicted of a crime of violence against any person;

6 (C) That the individual's previous hospitalizations due to
7 mental illness occurred as a result of the individual's failure to
8 take prescribed medication or follow a regimen or course of
9 treatment as prescribed by a physician or psychiatrist to treat the
10 individual's mental illness; or that the individual has been
11 convicted for crimes of violence against any person and the
12 individual's failure to take medication or follow a prescribed
13 regimen or course of treatment of the individual's mental illness
14 was a significant aggravating or contributing factor in the
15 commission of the crime;

16 (D) That a psychiatrist or licensed psychologist who has
17 personally examined the individual within the preceding twenty-four
18 months has issued a written opinion that the individual, without
19 the aid of the medication or other prescribed treatment, is likely
20 to cause serious harm to himself or herself or to others;

21 (E) That the individual, in the absence of a court order
22 requiring him or her to take medication or other treatment as
23 prescribed, is unlikely to do so and that his or her failure to

1 take medication or other treatment as prescribed is likely to lead
2 to further instances in the reasonably near future in which the
3 individual becomes likely to cause serious harm or commit a crime
4 of violence against any person;

5 (F) That, where necessary, a responsible entity or individual
6 is available to assist and monitor the individual's compliance with
7 an order requiring the individual to take the medication or follow
8 other prescribed regimen or course of treatment;

9 (G) That the individual can obtain and take the prescribed
10 medication or follow other prescribed regimen or course of
11 treatment without undue financial or other hardship; and

12 (H) That, if necessary, a medical provider is available to
13 assess the individual within forty-eight hours of the entry of the
14 treatment compliance order.

15 (4) The order may require an individual to take medication and
16 treatment as prescribed and if appropriate to attend scheduled
17 medication and treatment-related appointments: *Provided*, That a
18 treatment compliance order shall be subject to termination or
19 modification by a circuit judge or mental hygiene commissioner if
20 a petition is filed seeking termination or modification of the
21 order and it is shown in a hearing on the petition that there has
22 been a material change in the circumstances that led to the entry
23 of the original order that justifies the order's modification or

1 termination: *Provided, however,* That a treatment compliance order
2 may be extended by a circuit judge or mental hygiene commissioner
3 for additional periods of time not to exceed six months, upon the
4 filing of a petition seeking an extension and after a hearing on
5 the petition or upon the agreement of the individual.

6 (5) ~~(A)~~ After the entry of a treatment compliance order in
7 accordance with the provisions of subdivisions (3) and (4) of this
8 subsection ~~(b) of this section,~~ if a verified petition is filed
9 alleging that an individual has not complied with the terms of a
10 medication and treatment compliance order and if a circuit judge or
11 mental hygiene commissioner determines from the petition and any
12 supporting evidence that there is probable cause to believe that
13 the allegations in the petition are true, counsel shall be
14 appointed for the individual and a copy of the petition and all
15 supporting evidence shall be furnished to the individual and his or
16 her counsel. If the circuit judge or mental hygiene commissioner
17 considers it necessary to protect the individual or to secure his
18 or her examination, a detention order may be entered to require
19 that the individual be examined by a psychiatrist or psychologist.

20 (A) A hearing on the allegations in the petition, which may be
21 combined with a hearing on a probable cause petition conducted
22 pursuant to section two of this article or a final commitment
23 hearing conducted pursuant to section four of this article, shall

1 be held before a circuit judge or mental hygiene commissioner. If
2 the individual is taken and remains in custody as a result of a
3 detention order, the hearing shall be held within forty-eight hours
4 of the time that the individual is taken into custody.

5 (B) At a hearing on any petition filed pursuant to the
6 provisions of paragraph (A) of this subdivision, ~~(5), subsection~~
7 ~~(b) of this section,~~ the circuit judge or mental hygiene
8 commissioner shall determine whether the individual has complied
9 with the terms of the medication and treatment compliance order.
10 If the individual has complied with the order, the petition shall
11 be dismissed. ~~Provided, That~~ If the evidence presented to the
12 circuit judge or mental hygiene commissioner shows that the
13 individual has complied with the terms of the existing order, but
14 the individual's prescribed medication, dosage or course of
15 treatment needs to be modified, then the newly modified medication
16 and treatment prescribed by a psychiatrist who personally examined
17 the individual may be properly incorporated into a modified order.
18 If the order has not been complied with, the circuit judge or
19 mental hygiene commissioner, after inquiring into the reasons for
20 noncompliance and whether any aspects of the order should be
21 modified, may continue the individual upon the terms of the
22 original order and direct the individual to comply with the order
23 or may modify the order in light of the evidence presented at the

1 hearing. If the evidence shows that the individual at the time of
2 the hearing is likely to cause serious harm to himself or herself,
3 herself or others as a result of the individual's mental illness,
4 the circuit judge or mental hygiene commissioner may convert the
5 proceeding into a probable cause proceeding and enter a probable
6 cause order directing the involuntary admission of the individual
7 to a mental health facility for examination and treatment.
8 ~~Provided, however, That~~ Any procedures conducted pursuant to this
9 subsection must comply with and satisfy all applicable due process
10 and hearing requirements of ~~contained in~~ sections two and three of
11 this article. ~~have been fully satisfied~~

12 ~~(c)(1)~~ (d) The modified procedures may authorize that upon the
13 certification of a qualified mental health professional, as
14 described in ~~subdivision (2) of this~~ subsection (e) of this
15 section, that there is probable cause to believe that an individual
16 who has been hospitalized two or more times in the previous
17 twenty-four months because of mental illness is likely to cause
18 serious harm to himself or herself, herself or to others as a
19 result of the mental illness if not immediately restrained and that
20 the best interests of the individual would be served by immediate
21 hospitalization, a circuit judge, mental hygiene commissioner or
22 designated magistrate may enter a temporary probable cause order
23 directing the involuntary hospitalization of the individual at a

1 mental health facility for immediate examination and treatment.

2 ~~(2)~~ (e) The modified procedures may authorize the chief judge
3 of a judicial circuit, or circuit judge if there is no chief judge,
4 to enter orders authorizing specific psychiatrists or licensed
5 psychologists, whose qualifications and training have been reviewed
6 and approved by the Supreme Court of Appeals, to issue
7 certifications that authorize and direct the involuntary admission
8 of an individual subject to the provisions of this section on a
9 temporary probable cause basis to a mental health facility for
10 examination and treatment. ~~Provided, That~~ The authorized
11 psychiatrist or licensed psychologist must conclude and certify
12 based on personal observation prior to certification that the
13 individual is mentally ill and, because of such mental illness, is
14 imminently likely to cause serious harm to himself or herself or to
15 others if not immediately restrained and promotion of the best
16 interests of the individual requires immediate hospitalization.
17 Immediately upon certification, the psychiatrist or licensed
18 psychologist shall provide notice of the certification to a circuit
19 judge, mental hygiene commissioner or designated magistrate in the
20 county where the individual resides.

21 ~~(3)~~ (f) No involuntary hospitalization pursuant to a temporary
22 probable cause determination issued pursuant to the provisions of
23 this section shall continue in effect for more than forty-eight

1 hours without the filing of a petition for involuntary
2 hospitalization and the occurrence of a probable cause hearing
3 before a circuit judge, mental hygiene commissioner or designated
4 magistrate. If at any time the chief medical officer of the mental
5 health facility to which the individual is admitted determines that
6 the individual is not likely to cause serious harm as a result of
7 mental illness, the chief medical officer shall discharge the
8 individual and immediately forward a copy of the individual's
9 discharge to the circuit judge, mental hygiene commissioner or
10 designated magistrate.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to remove the expiration date of the pilot project establishing emergency mental hygiene procedures and make the program permanent.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.