# Human Services

## S.B. 138

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**Effective date**: September 30, 2025; changes to the requirements governing ADAMHS boards' contracts with providers effective March 30, 2026.

- Requires boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services (ADAMHS boards) to consider local mechanisms for determining eligibility for services and supports when setting priorities for local addiction services and mental health services.
- Clarifies referral procedures regarding the investigation of abuse and neglect complaints pertaining to residential facilities that are outside an ADAMHS board's service district.
- Requires ADAMHS boards to review financial audit reports from providers contracting with the boards.
- Requires ADAMHS boards to inform people seeking addiction services, recovery supports, or mental health services, and the general public, about elements of the local continuum of care and facilitate referrals to the appropriate services or supports.
- Repeals a dispute resolution process when a party to a contract with an ADAMHS board wanted to terminate the contract, and instead requires the contract terms to include a process in which the contract may be terminated early with 30 days' notice.
- Requires a notice and appeal process if a party to an ADAMHS board provider contract intends not to contract for a subsequent term.
- Requires a contract to provide for the transition of care for client services for an additional 60 days under the current contract's terms in the case of either early termination or nonrenewal.
- Requires ADAMHS boards to comply with existing law regarding the use of credit card accounts, including the adoption of a written policy before holding such an account.
- Requires the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) and ADAMHS boards to establish a data sharing and integration plan.
- Establishes criminal penalties for operating a recovery housing residence without OhioMHAS certification or holding an accreditation or other credential from a credentialing agency authorized by OhioMHAS.