



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Bill Analysis

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### Am. S.B. 71

132nd General Assembly  
(As Passed by the Senate)

**Sens.** Manning, Brown, Hoagland, Huffman, Yuko, Tavares, Hackett, Beagle, Burke, Coley, Dolan, Eklund, Hite, Obhof, O'Brien, Oelslager, Terhar, Wilson

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Allows a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services to authorize its executive director to execute emergency contracts for clinical services or recovery support services, as well as standard service contracts for the board's operations, valued at \$25,000 or less without the board's prior approval.
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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### ADAMHS board contracts

Under continuing law, the executive director of a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services (ADAMHS board) is authorized to execute contracts on the board's behalf. Current law requires prior approval from the board for each contract.<sup>1</sup> The bill permits an ADAMHS board to establish a rule, operating procedure, standard, or bylaw allowing its executive director to execute both of the following types of contracts valued at \$25,000 or less, as determined by the board, on the board's behalf without the board's prior approval:

- Emergency contracts for clinical services or recovery support services; and
- Standard service contracts related to the board's operations.<sup>2</sup>

Existing law defines "recovery supports" as assistance that is intended to help an individual who is an alcoholic or has a drug addiction or mental illness, or a member of

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 340.041(A).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 340.03(F)(1).

such an individual's family, initiate and sustain the individual's recovery. The term does not include alcohol and drug addiction services or mental health services.<sup>3</sup>

If an ADAMHS board establishes a rule, operating procedure, standard, or bylaw of this type, the board must (1) define the scope of such contracts in the rule, operating procedure, standard, or bylaw and (2) disclose the existence of such a contract at the first board meeting that occurs after the contract was executed and ensure a written record of that disclosure is included in the minutes of that meeting.<sup>4</sup>

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## HISTORY

| ACTION                                         | DATE     |
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| Introduced                                     | 02-27-17 |
| Reported, S. Health, Human Services & Medicaid | 09-27-17 |
| Passed Senate (33-0)                           | 09-27-17 |

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<sup>3</sup> R.C. 5119.01(A)(16), not in the bill.

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 340.03(F)(2).

