

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to treatment-based drug court
3 programs; amending s. 397.334, F.S.; authorizing a
4 court to offer an option for verification of
5 participation in self-help groups or activities to
6 certain defendants; amending s. 397.403, F.S.;
7 revising a provision relating to the applicability of
8 certain licensure renewal requirements to certain
9 substance abuse programs; providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Subsections (6) through (10) of section
14 397.334, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7)
15 through (11), respectively, and a new subsection (6) is added to
16 that section, to read:

17 397.334 Treatment-based drug court programs.—

18 (6) If the court orders a defendant to enter into a
19 pretrial treatment-based drug court program or a
20 postadjudicatory treatment-based drug court program, and if the
21 defendant is ordered to document participation in self-help or
22 other support groups and activities as an element of ancillary
23 services, as described in s. 394.67, the court may offer the
24 defendant an option for either electronic or written
25 verification of such participation.

26 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 397.403, Florida
27 Statutes, is amended to read:

28 397.403 License application.—

29 (3) Applications for licensure renewal must include proof
30 of application for accreditation for each licensed service
31 component providing clinical treatment by an accrediting
32 organization that is acceptable to the department for the first
33 renewal, and proof of accreditation for any subsequent renewals.
34 This subsection does not apply to any offender ~~inmate~~ substance
35 abuse program operated by or under an exclusive contract with a
36 jail or the Department of Corrections.

37 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.