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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to misdemeanor probation services;
 amending s. 948.15, F.S.; requiring probation
 supervision services for defendants convicted of
 certain misdemeanor controlled substance offenses to
 be provided by a licensed substance abuse education
 and intervention provider in certain instances;
 requiring a licensed substance abuse education and
 intervention provider to provide substance abuse
 education and intervention services and probation
 supervision services; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 948.15, Florida
 Statutes, is amended to read:

948.15 Misdemeanor probation services.—

(2) (a) A private entity or public entity under the
 supervision of the board of county commissioners or the court
 may provide probation services for offenders sentenced by the
 county court.

(b) If the board of county commissioners or court has
 established a misdemeanor probation program for defendants
 convicted of a misdemeanor for possession of a controlled
 substance or drug paraphernalia under chapter 893, probation
 supervision services for such persons shall be provided by a
 licensed substance abuse education and intervention provider.
 Such providers shall provide substance abuse education and

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29 | intervention services as well as probation supervision services.

30 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.