

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to misdemeanor probation services;
 3 amending s. 948.15, F.S.; requiring that defendants
 4 convicted of certain misdemeanor controlled substance
 5 offenses who receive probation supervision services
 6 that include substance abuse education and
 7 intervention services receive such services from a
 8 licensed substance abuse service provider in certain
 9 instances; 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. Subsection (2) of section 948.15, Florida
 14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 948.15 Misdemeanor probation services.—

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

20 (b) If the board of county commissioners or court has
 21 established a misdemeanor probation program for defendants
 22 convicted of a misdemeanor for possession of a controlled
 23 substance or drug paraphernalia under chapter 893, probation
 24 supervision services that include substance abuse education and
 25 intervention services shall be provided by a substance abuse
 26 service provider licensed under chapter 397 unless the provider
 27 is exempt from such licensure under s. 397.405.

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