



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5119.38 Drivers' intervention program.

Effective: September 30, 2025

Legislation: House Bill 96

A drivers' intervention program may be used as an alternative to a term of imprisonment for an offender sentenced pursuant to division (G)(1)(a) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code, if it is certified by the director of behavioral health pursuant to this section. No drivers' intervention program shall be used as an alternative to a term of imprisonment that is imposed pursuant to division (G)(1)(b), (c), (d), or (e) of section 4511.19 of the Revised Code.

To qualify for certification by the director and to receive funds from the statewide treatment and prevention fund created by section 4301.30 of the Revised Code in any amounts and at any times that the director determines are appropriate, a drivers' intervention program shall meet state minimum standards that the director shall establish by rule. The rules shall include, but are not limited to, standards governing program course hours and content, qualifications of program personnel, methods of identifying and testing participants to isolate participants with alcohol and drug abuse problems, referral of such persons to community addiction services providers, the prompt notification of courts by program operators of the completion of the programs by persons required by courts to attend them, and record keeping, including methods of tracking participants for a reasonable time after they have left the program.

The director shall issue a certificate to any qualified drivers' intervention program. The certificate is valid for three years.
