



Ohio Treatment Law Report Card

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Method and scoring: *State involuntary civil commitment laws* are evaluated using a 100-point grading scale. The scoring criteria are in accordance with TAC's values and policy recommendations. Up to 50 points are awarded to a state based on the quality of its inpatient commitment law, and up to 50 points are awarded based on the quality of its outpatient commitment law. *Grades reflect solely what is written in law and not how those laws are implemented or applied.* Final letter grades are computed using the following scale:

97 or above	A+	87–89	B+	77–79	C+	67–69	D+	59 or below	F
93–96	A	83–86	B	73–76	C	63–66	D		
90–92	A-	80–82	B-	70–72	C-	60–62	D-		

PART ONE: Inpatient Commitment Statute (up to 50 points)

Criterion	Citation	Specifications	Points
1. Citizen access to court, emergency evaluation (5 pts)	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. §§ 5122.10, 5122.11	☒ Authorizes family/enumerated adults (3 pts) ☒ Authorizes any responsible adult (2 pts)	5
2. Quality of emergency petition process (5 pts)	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. §§ 5122.10, 5122.11	☐ Process specified and reasonable (2 pts) ☒ Timelines specified and reasonable (2 pts) ☒ Responsible entities identified (1 pt) ☐ Requires certification by more than one professional (-2 pts) ☐ Emergency evaluation criteria inconsistent with inpatient commitment criteria (-5 pts) <i>Unreasonably permits civil custody in carceral settings (See comment 1)</i>	3
3. Emergency hold duration (5 pts)	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 5122.10(E)	☒ At least 48-hour hold allowed (3 pts) ☒ At least 72-hour hold allowed (2 pts) <i>Not more than three court days (See comment 2)</i>	5
4. Citizen access to court, inpatient petition (5 pts)	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 5122.11	☒ Authorizes family/enumerated adults (3 pts) ☒ Authorizes any responsible adult (2 pts)	5
5. Quality of criteria for harm or violence to self or others (up to 10 pts)	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 5122.01(B)(1)–(2)	☒ Contains explicit criteria (10 pts) ☐ Language is vague/ambiguous (-3 pts) ☐ Harm must be imminent (-3 pts)	10
6. Quality of criteria for grave disability/basic needs (up to 10 pts)	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 5122.01(B)(3)	☒ Contains explicit criteria (10 pts) ☐ Language is vague/ambiguous (-3 pts) ☒ Endangerment must be imminent (-3 pts) ☐ Criteria require family to turn person out of home to receive treatment (-3 pts) ☐ Unreasonably high risk of harm (-3 pts)	7
7. Quality of criteria for psychiatric deterioration (up to 10 pts)	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 5122.01(B)(5)	☐ Contains explicit criteria (10 pts) ☐ Language is vague/ambiguous (-3 pts) <i>(See comment 3 below)</i>	0
SUBTOTAL			35

PART ONE: Extra Credit

1. Specifies in which court a petition for inpatient commitment shall be filed (1 pt)	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 5122.11	<i>Probate court</i>	1
Extra Credit			1
PART ONE TOTAL			36

PART TWO: Outpatient Commitment Statute (up to 50 points)

Criterion	Citation	Specifications	Points
1. AOT explicitly authorized (5 pts)	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 5122.15(C)	☐ Requires local government to adopt (-3 pts)	5
2. Citizen access to court for AOT (5 pts)	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 5122.11	☒ Authorizes family/enumerated adults (3 pts) ☒ Authorizes any responsible adult (2 pts) ☐ Authorizes citizen petition to mental health system only (-2 pts)	5
3. Criteria sufficiently broad to provide actual access (up to 10 pts)	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 5122.01(B)(5)	Evaluate applicable provision only: ☐ If inpatient/outpatient criteria are the same: ☐ Inpatient criteria include psychiatric deterioration standard (10 pts) <u>or</u> ☐ No psychiatric deterioration standard, adequate grave disability standard (5 pts) or ☒ If outpatient criteria are distinct from inpatient criteria: ☒ Allows consideration of length of treatment history ≥ 36 months (2 pts) ☐ Does not exclude periods of incarceration or hospitalization (-1 pt) ☒ Does not limit application to those currently dangerous or unstable (4 pts) ☒ Does not limit application to those refusing service or lacking insight (4 pts) Shared definition but if the court relies exclusively on criteria in § 5122.01(B)(5), only AOT may be ordered	10
4. Authorizes AOT directly from community (5 pts)	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 5122.01(B)(5)(b)		5
5. Procedures sufficiently detailed to guide practitioners (up to 5 pts)	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 5122.15	☒ Process specified and reasonable (1 pt) ☒ Timelines specified and reasonable (1 pt) ☒ Responsible entities identified (1 pt) ☐ Periodic reporting to court required (1 pt) ☒ Renewal process expressly specified (1 pt)	4
6. Procedures require the treatment plan to be shared with the court (5 pts)	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 5122.15(E)		5
7. Specifies procedures and consequences for nonadherence (5 pts)	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 5122.15(N)		5
8. Duration of initial order	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 5122.15(C)	☒ = 90 days (2 pts) <u>or</u> ☐ > 90 days (5 pts) Not to exceed 90 days	2
9. Duration of continued order	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 5122.15(H)	☐ = 180 days (2 pts) <u>or</u> ☒ > 180 days (5 pts) Two years with a mechanism for a review every 180 days	5
SUBTOTAL			46
PART TWO: Extra Credit			
1. Specifies court for AOT (1 pt)	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 5122.11	Probate court	1
2. Court monitoring of voluntary settlement agreements (5 pts)			
Extra Credit			1
PART TWO TOTAL			47

FINAL SCORE

PART ONE TOTAL	36
PART TWO TOTAL	47
TOTAL	83
TREATMENT LAW GRADE	B

Comments:

1. Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 5122.17 permits civil detention in carceral settings if the court finds that a less restrictive alternative cannot be made available.
2. A person may be emergently detained for not more than three court days following the day of the initial examination by hospital staff or service provider, which must occur within 24 hours after arrival.
3. If the court relies exclusively on the psychiatric deterioration standard under Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 5122.01(B)(5), only outpatient commitment may be ordered.