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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill modifies the screening requirements for individuals who may have co-occurring mental health and chemical dependency disorders.

#### Section

**1** **Integrated co-occurring disorder treatment.** Amends § 245.4863. Paragraph (a) makes a technical change to clarify that staff who perform chemical dependency assessments must screen clients for co-occurring mental health disorders, and that staff who perform mental health assessments must screen clients for co-occurring chemical substance use disorders. Adds that the screener must document the actions that will be taken if the clients screens positive for a co-occurring disorder.

Adds paragraph (b) which provides exceptions to the requirement for screening for co-occurring disorders.