



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 5123.69 Voluntary admission.

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(A) Except as provided in division (E) of this section, any person who is eighteen years of age or older and who is or believes self to be mentally retarded may make written application to the managing officer of any institution for voluntary admission. Except as provided in division (E) of this section, the application may be made on behalf of a minor by a parent or guardian, and on behalf of an adult adjudicated mentally incompetent by a guardian.

(B) The managing officer of an institution, with the concurrence of the chief program director, may admit a person applying pursuant to this section only after a comprehensive evaluation has been made of the person and only if the comprehensive evaluation concludes that the person is mentally retarded and would benefit significantly from admission.

(C) If application for voluntary admission of a minor or of a person adjudicated mentally incompetent is made by the parent or guardian of the minor or by the guardian of an incompetent and the minor or incompetent is admitted, the probate division of the court of common pleas shall determine, upon petition by the legal rights service, whether the voluntary admission or continued institutionalization is in the best interest of the minor or incompetent.

(D) The managing officer shall discharge any voluntary resident if, in the judgment of the chief program director, the results of a comprehensive examination indicate that institutionalization no longer is advisable. In light of the results of the comprehensive evaluation, the managing officer also may discharge any voluntary resident if, in the judgment of the chief program director, the discharge would contribute to the most effective use of the institution in the habilitation and care of the mentally retarded.

(E) A person who is found incompetent to stand trial or not guilty by reason of insanity and who is committed pursuant to section 2945.39, 2945.40, 2945.401, or 2945.402 of the Revised Code shall not voluntarily commit self pursuant to this section until after the final termination of the commitment, as described in division (J) of section 2945.401 of the Revised Code.