



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 193**

January Session, 2009

Senate Bill No. 955

*Senate, March 25, 2009*

The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. DOYLE of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

**AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF A TREATMENT PLAN FOR A CHILD'S OUTPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC AND COUNSELING SERVICES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Children  
2 and Families shall not require a child to authorize or sign a treatment  
3 plan for psychiatric or counseling services when the child's parent or  
4 legal guardian has authorized the treatment on the child's behalf.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**HS** Joint Favorable

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

Enactment of this bill will result in no fiscal impact. The bill is consistent with a policy of the Department of Children and Families that is anticipated to go into effect as of 4/1/09.

**The Out Years**

None

*Source: DCF Memorandum, 3/9/09.*

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 955*****AN ACT CONCERNING AUTHORIZATION OF A TREATMENT PLAN FOR A CHILD'S OUTPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC AND COUNSELING SERVICES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits the Department of Children and Families (DCF) from requiring a child to authorize or sign his or her treatment plan for psychiatric or counseling services when the child's parent or legal guardian has authorized the treatment on his or her behalf. State regulations require the child, if he is capable of doing so; his parent or guardian; and the chief administrator of the clinic, or his her designee to sign the plan.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18    Nay 0    (03/10/2009)