



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5058

LCO No. 138

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:

REP. JANOWSKI, 56th Dist.

**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 That the general statutes be amended to provide that a child of any
- 2 age who is under the supervision of a legal guardian or parent not be
- 3 required to sign his treatment plan for outpatient psychiatric and
- 4 counseling services when the child's parent or legal guardian has
- 5 authorized the treatment on the child's behalf.

Statement of Purpose:

To eliminate the requirement that a child sign off on his treatment plan in order to avoid an atmosphere of discord between the guardian and child which may inhibit needed treatment. The parent or legal guardian is required to sign off on the treatment for a child under the age of 18.