



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5232**

LCO No. 1442

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:

REP. HAMM, 34th Dist.

REP. JANOWSKI, 56th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING A CHILD'S AUTHORIZATION OF A CLINICAL TREATMENT PLAN FOR 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 of the Department of Children and Families that minor children approve or authorize their own clinical treatment.