



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 955

LCO No. 3489

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

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:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To eliminate the requirement, under Department of Children and Families' regulations, 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 eighteen.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]