

1 SB142
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3 By Senator Sanford
4 RFD: Health and Human Services
5 First Read: 03-MAR-15

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7 A BILL
8 TO BE ENTITLED
9 AN ACT

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11 To provide that the parent or legal guardian of a
12 minor at least 14 years of age and under 19 years of age may
13 authorize medical treatment for mental health services even
14 where the minor has expressly refused treatment in certain
15 circumstances.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

17 Section 1. The parent or legal guardian of a minor
18 who is at least 14 years of age and under 19 years of age may
19 authorize medical treatment for any mental health services
20 even if the minor has expressly refused such treatment
21 services if the parent or legal guardian and a mental health
22 professional determine that clinical intervention is necessary
23 and appropriate. Access to the mental health records of the
24 minor will follow the Health Insurance Portability and
25 Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Public Law 104-191.

1 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
2 first day of the third month following its passage and
3 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Senate

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committee on Health and Human Services..... 03-MAR-15

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dar with 1 substitute and..... 09-APR-15

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Yeas 34
Nays 0

Patrick Harris
Secretary