

1 SB142
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3 By Senator Sanford
4 RFD: Health and Human Services
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a minor who is 14 years
9 of age or older may give consent for medical,
10 dental, health, or mental health services for
11 himself or herself.

12 This bill would provide that the parent or
13 legal guardian of a minor who is younger than 18
14 years of age could authorize medical treatment, for
15 mental health services or commitment to a mental
16 health facility, even if the minor has expressly
17 refused treatment.

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19 A BILL
20 TO BE ENTITLED
21 AN ACT
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23 To provide that the parent or legal guardian of a
24 minor younger than 18 years of age may authorize medical
25 treatment for mental health services or commitment to a mental
26 health facility even where the minor has expressly refused
27 treatment.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. The parent or legal guardian of a minor
3 who is younger than 18 years of age may authorize medical
4 treatment for any mental health services or commitment to a
5 mental health facility, even if the minor has expressly
6 refused such treatment.

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