



HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill: House File 2523	House Committee: PASSED 2/10/26 (14-7)
Committee: Health and Human Services	House Floor:
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Parental Consent Commitments

- This bill removes the ability for a minor to refuse mental health or substance abuse treatment if the parent is seeking voluntary treatment for their minor.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 (Iowa Code 125.33)

Defines "adult". Throughout the section, strikes person and replaces with adult.

Section 2 (Iowa Code 125.33A) – New Section

Defines "minor". Duplicates the treatment for adults with substance use disorder for minors. The key difference being that commitment by a court is only necessary if both the minor and the minor's parents do not consent to treatment.

Section 3 (Iowa Code 229.2)

Defines "adult". Strikes provisions related to mental health commitment that allows the minor to refuse admission for treatment and requires juvenile court approval for admission as well as an attorney to represent the minor.

Section 4 (Iowa Code 229.2B) – New Section

Defines "minor". Duplicates the application for adults needing mental health commitment for minors. The key difference being that commitment by a court is only necessary if both the minor and the minor's parents do not consent to treatment.

Section 5 (Iowa Code 229.4)

Strikes the ability of approval from the juvenile court prior to discharge.

Sections 6-9 (Iowa Code 229.6A, 229.41, 321J.3, 331.910)

Conforming code changes