

HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 2523	House Committee:	PASSED 2/10/26 (14-7)
Committee:	Health and Human Services	House Floor:	PASSED 2/25/26 (70-21)
Floor Manager:	Rep. Ann Meyer		PASSED 4/14/26 (87-6)
Date:	April 30, 2026	Senate Floor:	PASSED 4/6/26 (47-0)
Staff:	Natalie Ginty (281-7479)		PASSED 4/21/26 (44-0)
		Governor:	SIGNED 4/30/26

Parental Consent Commitments

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

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 (Iowa Code 229.2)

Strikes provisions related to mental health commitment that allowed a minor to refuse admission for treatment and required juvenile court approval for admission as well as an attorney to represent the minor.

Section 2 (Iowa Code 229.6A)

Conforming code change based on the strikes in section 1

Section 3 (Iowa Code 601.1)

Adds to the Parents and Guardians Rights law that passed the legislature in 2023. These additions say that a parent may consent to their child's mental health treatment over the objection of the minor child. This section also makes clear that the mental health professional does not need to provide treatment to the minor if they don't believe the treatment is appropriate.