
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes certain persons to accompany a minor suffering from mental illness or substance abuse during transportation to a treatment facility pursuant to a physician's emergency certificate for treatment.

Present law provides for procedures pursuant to the issuance of a physician's emergency certificate for treatment of a minor suffering from mental illness or substance abuse. Provides that if the examining physician determines that certain requirements of present law are met, he shall execute an emergency certificate and shall transport or cause to be transported the minor named in the emergency certificate to a treatment facility.

Proposed law retains present law, and adds thereto an authorization for any of the following persons to accompany the minor during transportation to a treatment facility:

- (1) A parent, including a foster parent.
- (2) A legal guardian.
- (3) A Department of Children and Family Services case worker.

Proposed law stipulates that a biological parent of a child in foster care shall only accompany the child if approved by the Department of Children and Family Services.

(Amends Ch.C. Art. 1431(D))