
DIGEST

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HB 719 Engrossed

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Hodges

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 necessary, peace officers shall apprehend and transport, or ambulance services, under appropriate circumstances, may locate and transport a minor patient on whom an emergency certificate has been completed 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); Adds Ch.C. Art. 1427(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Retain and relocate provisions of proposed law.
2. Make technical changes.