

1 SB330
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3 By Senator Melson
4 RFD: Health and Human Services
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8 SYNOPSIS: Existing law provides for the commitment of
9 mentally ill persons to the custody of the State
10 Department of Mental Health, but excludes mentally
11 ill minors or children from the provisions.

12 This bill would provide that mentally ill
13 persons 18 years of age and older may be committed
14 to the custody of the State Department of Mental
15 Health.

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17 A BILL
18 TO BE ENTITLED
19 AN ACT

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21 Relating to mental health; to amend Section
22 22-52-16, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that mentally ill
23 persons 18 years of age and older may be committed to the
24 custody of the State Department of Mental Health.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. Section 22-52-16, Code of Alabama 1975,
27 is amended to read as follows:

1 "§22-52-16.

2 "The provisions of this article shall not apply to
3 commitment to the custody of the State Department of Mental
4 Health of mentally ill ~~minors or children~~ persons under the
5 age of 18 years."

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