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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MAKO, BANTA, HAMM, HEFFLEY, JAMES, T. JONES,  
KAUFFMAN, KRUPA, KUZMA, PICKETT, SCHEUREN, SCIALABBA, WATRO  
AND ZIMMERMAN, FEBRUARY 21, 2025

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, FEBRUARY 21, 2025

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of February 13, 1970 (P.L.19, No.10), entitled  
2 "An act enabling certain minors to consent to medical, dental  
3 and health services, declaring consent unnecessary under  
4 certain circumstances," further providing for release of  
5 medical records; and providing for parent or legal guardian  
6 access to medical records.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 1.2(d) of the act of February 13, 1970  
10 (P.L.19, No.10), entitled "An act enabling certain minors to  
11 consent to medical, dental and health services, declaring  
12 consent unnecessary under certain circumstances," is amended to  
13 read:

14 Section 1.2. Release of Medical Records.--\* \* \*

15 (d) Except to the extent provided under subsection (a), (b)  
16 or (c) or section 1.3, the minor shall control the release of  
17 the minor's mental health treatment records and information to  
18 the extent allowed by law. When a minor has provided consent to  
19 outpatient mental health treatment under section 1.1, subject to

1 subsection (a) (2), the minor shall control the records of  
2 treatment to the same extent as the minor would control the  
3 records of inpatient care or involuntary outpatient care under  
4 the act of July 9, 1976 (P.L.817, No.143), known as the "Mental  
5 Health Procedures Act," and its regulations.

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7 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

8 Section 1.3. Parent or Legal Guardian Access to Medical  
9 Records.--Subject to Federal law, a parent or legal guardian of  
10 a minor under eighteen years of age shall have full access to  
11 the minor's medical, dental or health services or mental health  
12 treatment records.

13 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.