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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Introduced

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Newman

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- Any local or state entities that have policies regarding the provision of mental health services to minors without parental consent could realize minimal costs to update these policies or to seek parental consent.

Detailed Analysis

Current law permits mental health professionals to provide outpatient mental health services to minors who are 14 or older on a temporary basis without consent from a parent or guardian within certain parameters. Medication may not be provided, and the minor's parent or guardian is not liable for the costs of services received, without parental consent. H.B. 172 repeals this law. Thus, mental health professionals will require consent from a minor's parent or guardian before providing these services. As a result, any local or state entities that have policies regarding the provision of mental health services to minors without parental consent could realize minimal costs to update these policies or to seek parental consent. Additionally, if services are currently being provided by any of these entities (without parental consent and the parent or guardian is not currently liable), it is possible that these entities: could receive reimbursements if parental consent is sought and granted; or could realize a reduction in costs if parental consent is not granted or a minor decides not to receive services.