



H.B. 68

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes a minor parent who is the residential parent and legal custodian of a child to consent to medical, dental, and hospital services for that child.
- Provides that a minor parent who provides that consent is liable for any fees and expenses incurred as a result of the services that are not paid by insurance or a government program and that a parent or legal guardian of the minor parent is not liable for the fees and expenses unless the parent or guardian also consented to the services.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Background

In the absence of an emergency, a medical practitioner is generally required to obtain consent from the patient or someone legally authorized to consent on the patient's behalf before treatment. When the patient is a minor, the patient is legally below the age of consent and the general rule is that a medical practitioner must obtain the consent of the minor's parent. But state law does not authorize a minor parent to consent to medical treatment for his or her child.

Operation of the bill

(sec. 3109.011)

The bill provides that a minor parent who is the residential parent and legal custodian of a child may consent to medical, dental, and hospital services for that child. The consent cannot be invalidated because the parent is a minor. The bill further provides that the consent of a parent or legal guardian of the minor parent to the services is not required.

A minor parent who provides the consent is liable under the bill for the payment of any fees and expenses incurred as a result of services rendered to the child that are not paid by insurance or a government program. A parent or legal guardian of the minor parent is not liable for the fees and expenses unless the parent or guardian also consented to the services.

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