Bill Being Reviewed to Lower the Age of Minor Consent for Access to Behavioral Health Care



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Senate Bill 1188, was read for a second time before the New Jersey Senate on February 22, 2024. This Bill would lower the age a minor child may consent to behavioral health care services at temporary outpatient treatment centers under the supervision of a licensed health care professional from age 16 to 14. The behavioral health care services may not include the administration of medication. This Bill was introduced in an effort to provide behavioral health services to teens in need, as suicide is the third leading cause of death in New Jersey amongst teenagers.

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