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[Assembly Bill 5055](#), introduced in the New Jersey General Assembly on January 12, 2023, would require healthcare facilities and professionals to provide the parent or guardian of an unemancipated minor patient access to the patient's medical records without authorization from the minor patient. This right of access would not apply where a minor appears to have been sexually assaulted and the treating physician determines that it would not be in the minor's best interests to notify the parent or guardian, a minor seeks treatment for a substance use disorder, or a minor is over 16 years of age and is seeking temporary outpatient behavioral health treatment.

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