

Department of Planning and Budget 2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB184

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/>	In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled

2. Patron: McWaters

3. Committee: Courts

4. Title: Psychiatric Treatment of minors.

5. Summary: This bill amends current statutes relating to admission of minors to a mental health facility for inpatient treatment. It removes the joint consent of minors 14 years of age or older for inpatient treatment.

The current Psychiatric Treatment of Minors Act requires the joint application and consent of the minor and the minor's parent. In the proposed bill, the minor 14 and older may not object to admission, but may go voluntarily and have a judicial review after admission

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: This bill will allow parents to voluntarily admit their minor children aged 14-17 for mental health inpatient treatment. Currently, youth in this age group must either agree to treatment, or must be admitted under a temporary detention order (TDO). The change in this statute may result in fewer TDOs, and therefore a reduction in cost to the Involuntary Mental Commitment fund, however there is no method of determining how frequently this might occur. Additionally, there are potential increased costs of inpatient treatment. The distribution of those costs between private and public payers will be dependent on the type of insurance coverage applicable to the inpatient stays for children affected by this legislation.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Law Enforcement, CSB evaluators, hospitals

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.