THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY MAKO, HAMM, M. MACKENZIE, LEADBETER, BANTA, ORTITAY, GILLEN, MOUL, KAUFFMAN, D'ORSIE, SCIALABBA, ROWE AND GLEIM, MARCH 25, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, MARCH 25, 2024

AN ACT

Amending the act of February 13, 1970 (P.L.19, No.10), entitled 1 "An act enabling certain minors to consent to medical, dental 2 and health services, declaring consent unnecessary under 3 certain circumstances," further providing for release of medical records; and providing for parent or legal guardian 5 access to medical records. 6 7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 8 hereby enacts as follows: 9 Section 1. Section 1.2(d) of the act of February 13, 1970 10 (P.L.19, No.10), entitled "An act enabling certain minors to consent to medical, dental and health services, declaring 11 12 consent unnecessary under certain circumstances," is amended to 13 read: Section 1.2. Release of Medical Records. -- * * * 14 15 (d) Except to the extent provided under subsection (a), (b) or (c) or section 1.3, the minor shall control the release of 17 the minor's mental health treatment records and information to the extent allowed by law. When a minor has provided consent to 18

outpatient mental health treatment under section 1.1, subject to

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- 1 subsection (a)(2), the minor shall control the records of
- 2 treatment to the same extent as the minor would control the
- 3 records of inpatient care or involuntary outpatient care under
- 4 the act of July 9, 1976 (P.L.817, No.143), known as the "Mental
- 5 Health Procedures Act," and its regulations.
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- 7 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
- 8 <u>Section 1.3. Parent or Legal Guardian Access to Medical</u>
- 9 Records. -- Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject
- 10 to Federal law, a parent or legal guardian of a minor under
- 11 eighteen years of age shall have full access to the minor's
- 12 <u>medical</u>, <u>dental</u> or <u>health</u> <u>services</u> or <u>mental</u> <u>health</u> <u>treatment</u>
- 13 <u>records</u>.
- 14 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.