

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2035
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Public Health
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The bill author has informed the committee that under current law, Texas parents and guardians are currently permitted to voluntarily commit their children, however treatment facilities are allowed to turn away clients, but oftentimes these denials leave parents with the impression that they are not permitted to force their child into treatment. H.B. 2035 seeks to ensure that parents are informed of their rights.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2035 amends the Health and Safety Code to require a chemical dependency treatment facility that refuses to admit a minor for voluntary treatment and rehabilitation to provide to the minor's parent, managing conservator, or guardian requesting the minor's admission to the facility written notice of the parent's, managing conservator's, or guardian's right to seek voluntary treatment and rehabilitation of the minor at another facility.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2025.