

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill</b>	<b>Red   Bill # SB 12</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate 2</b>						
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<b>School:</b> Henry Clay High School							
<b>City:</b> Fayette							

1 An act to allow minors to access outpatient mental health services without parental consent.

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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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5 Section I: Minors aged twelve or older and who are deemed mature enough to participate intelligently in their  
6 own mental health treatment process by a professional person may consent to outpatient mental health  
7 services. A professional person includes licensed therapists, licensed educational psychologists, licensed  
8 psychologists, and board certified or board eligible psychiatrists. Outpatient services include psychiatric and  
9 biopsychiatric assessment, individual, group, and family therapy sessions, psychotherapy for crisis, and  
10 psychological testing.

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12 Section II: This bill allows minors whose parents do not condone mental health services and would refuse to  
13 consent to service to seek mental health treatment. This bill also would allow homeless minors as well as  
14 allowing youth who feel embarrassed or ashamed telling their parents of their need for mental health  
15 services to seek mental health services.

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17 Section III: Parental Involvement will still be encouraged unless the professional treating the patient deems  
18 that involvement would be inappropriate after consulting the minor. The professional would then be required to  
19 state why parental involvement is inappropriate in patient records.

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21 Section IV: Under this bill the minor's parents or guardians will not be held liable for payment if the professional  
22 treating the minor. However, if the parent or guardian participates in the mental health treatment then the  
23 parent or guardian will be responsible for only the services they participated in.

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25 Section V: Parental participation does not allow the parents or guardians to access confidential records. The  
26 provider of mental health services may share related mental health records with the parents or guardians  
27 with the written consent of the minor.

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29 Section VI: Parental consent would still be required for the minor to receive convulsive therapy,  
30 psychosurgery, or psychotropic drugs.

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32 Section VII: This bill will be funded through mental health block grants.

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34 Section VIII: This bill will go into effect August 1, 2014 after passage.