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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to consent for mental health treatment in parenting cases with shared decision-making responsibility.

SPONSORS: Rep. Amanda Bouldin, Hills. 12; Rep. Nutting-Wong, Hills. 32; Rep. Andrew Bouldin, Hills. 12; Rep. Snow, Hills. 19; Rep. Query, Hills. 16

COMMITTEE: Children and Family Law

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that in parenting cases with shared decision-making responsibility, either parent may consent to mental health treatment for the child provided that the parent notifies the other parent of the decision.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 1 New Paragraph; Parenting Plans; Consent to Mental Health Treatment. Amend RSA 461-A:4
- 2 by inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:
- 3 IV-a. If the parents have joint decision-making responsibility, either parent may consent to
- 4 counseling services or other mental health treatment for the child, provided that the parent who
- 5 obtains such services for the child notifies the other parent before treatment begins.
- 6 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2023.