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HB214 Sectional Analysis

Section 1. Adds a new paragraph to AS 44.65.030(a) AS 47.30.847(a)(3) (mental health patient grievance appeals).

Section 2. Adds three additional rights to the eleven existing rights of a person undergoing mental health evaluation or treatment in the state under specified provisions of state law, including involuntary commitments. The additional rights include; the basic right to file a grievance, the right to have an advocate, and the right to maintain a natural support system that would include family, friends, and help networks.

Section 3. Repeals the existing statute under AS 47.30.847 and reenacts it. Establishes standardized grievance procedures within the state. Defines “grievance”, “grievant”, and “unit”.

Section 4. Amends AS47.30.855 adding two new subsections for posting standardized notices of grievance procedures under AS 47.30.847.