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Summary of Changes

Health & Social Services CS for HB52: Minors & Psychiatric Hospitals Version A to Version G

Change #1:

Page 2, line 1 – Deletes “overseeing physician” and inserts “professional person in charge”.

Change #2:

Page 2, lines 1-3 – Adds additional language stating that the minor in psychiatric care, the minor’s parent or legal guardian, or an approved adult may request confidential communication with the minor.

Change #3:

Page 2, line 14 – Adds additional language to (e)(1) clarifying that the legislative report required under AS 47.32.030 must also include information on any type of psychotropic medication used to carry out chemical restraint.

Change #4:

Page 2, lines 18-21 – Adds clarifying language to which data should be included from the Department of Family and Community Services regarding minors in state custody who receive care at psychiatric hospitals.

Change #5:

Page 3, line 19 – Changes notification requirements from one business day to 72 hours.

Change #6:

Page 3, lines 20-22 – Adds additional language clarifying what information shall be released in the Department’s notification to the minor’s parent or guardian.

Change #7:

Page 3, line 23 – Adds Section 6 which defines “chemical restraint”.

Change #8:

Page 3, line 30 – Changes the effective date to July 1, 2026.