

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB232-DOH-BHTRG-1-15-2026
Title: MINOR MENTAL HEALTH: AGE OF CONSENT
Sponsor: GRAY
Requester: (H) HSS

Department: Department of Health
Appropriation: Behavioral Health
Allocation: Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery
Grants
OMB Component Number: 3099

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2027 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2027 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2027	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2026) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2027) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable; initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

House Bill 232 expands the ability of minors age 16 and older to consent to certain behavioral and mental health services without requiring parental or guardian approval under specific circumstances. The bill allows unaccompanied homeless minors and those living independently to access healthcare services with appropriate documentation. It also permits minors to seek outpatient behavioral and mental health treatment for up to five sessions without parental consent, with provisions for continued treatment if obtaining parental consent would be detrimental to the minor's well-being. Additionally, the bill clarifies that parents are not financially responsible for services obtained under these provisions and updates existing laws to reflect these changes, ensuring greater access to critical healthcare while balancing parental rights and minor protections.

Funding mechanisms for behavioral and mental health services for minors would need to be established in practice. Providers could offer services through various means, including school-based programs, state and federal grants, nonprofit and community health centers, or billing Medicaid and private insurance. However, considerations regarding parental notifications must align with the bill's language to ensure the minor's confidentiality is protected.

The Division of Behavioral Health does not anticipate a significant operational impact. Therefore, a zero dollar fiscal note is submitted.