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Senate Bill 231 Summary of Changes

Senate Health & Social Services: Version A to Version B

Sections one through four of Version A of SB 231 only apply to facilities licensed as residential psychiatric treatment centers. Version B expands the application of SB 231 to all minors receiving care at “treatment facilities” defined in AS 47.30.915 as a hospital, clinic, institution, center, or other health care facility that has been designated by the department for the treatment or rehabilitation of mentally ill persons.

Version B of SB 231 allows for communication to be with a parent, guardian, or another adult approved by a physician and for the weekly, one-hour requirement to be met in cumulative sessions at no more than four occasions. The communication requirement can also be met by video or telephone communication.

Finally, Version B of SB 231 adds a requirement for the Department of Health to publish and make publicly available on their website an annual report on the aggregate total uses of seclusion and restraint on minors at each treatment facility in Alaska.