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Floor Amendment to SB 590-FN-A

Amend the bill by inserting after section 21 the following and renumbering the original section 22 to read as 23:

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- 22 New Section; Guardianship of Minors and Estates of Minors; Guardianship of Minors in Foster Care and Consent for Medical Treatment. Amend RSA 463 by inserting after section 12 the following new section:
- 463:12-a Guardianship of Minors in Foster Care and Consent for Medical Treatment. For any guardianship granted to the department of health and human services for a minor in foster care, or for any minor in the legal custody of the department receiving foster care services, the department's authority to consent to medical treatment for the minor may be established by, but not limited to, any of the following:
- I. A duly executed "Authorization for Medical Treatment" signed by the minor's parent or guardian;
- II. For the provision of ordinary medical care, including behavioral, mental health, or developmental health services, a copy of that portion of the court order transferring legal custody of the minor to the department under RSA 169-C; or
- III. A copy of the letter of guardianship issued to the department that authorizes the department to consent to medical or other treatment of the minor.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Clarifies admission to receiving facilities and other services for persons who are involuntarily committed under RSA 135-C.
 - II. Makes a supplemental appropriation to the state loan repayment program.
- III. Clarifies the determination of unfounded but with reasonable concern for possible abuse and neglect under the child protection law, and enables the department of health and human services to offer voluntary services to the family.
- IV. Makes appropriations for voluntary services and community-based prevention programs under the child protection act.
- V. Provides that the New Hampshire home visiting program shall be available to Medicaid eligible families.
- VI. Makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services to hire additional attorneys.
- VII. Makes an appropriation to the department of health and human services for the purpose of funding the developmental disabilities wait list.
- VIII. Requires the commissioner of the department of health and human services to issue requests for proposals for a behavioral health crisis treatment center and, contingent upon available funding, an additional mobile crisis team and apartments.
- IX. Clarifies the department of health and human services' authority to consent to medical treatment for a minor in foster care.