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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to voluntary admissions of minors;
3	amending s. 394.4625, F.S.; revising provisions
4	relating to the voluntary admission of minors to a
5	facility for examination and treatment; requiring that
6	a minor's assent to voluntary care be verified;
7	providing an effective date.
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9	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11	Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
12	(4) of section 394.4625, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
13	394.4625 Voluntary admissions.—
14	(1) AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE PATIENTS
15	(a) A facility may receive for observation, diagnosis, or
16	treatment any person 18 years of age or older <u>who applies</u> <del>making</del>
17	application by express and informed consent for admission or any
18	person age 17 or younger whose parent or legal guardian applies
19	under for admission whom such application is made by his or her
20	guardian. If found to show evidence of mental illness, to be
21	competent to provide express and informed consent, and to be
22	suitable for treatment, such person 18 years of age or older may
23	be admitted to the facility. A person age 17 or <u>younger</u> <del>under</del>
24	may be admitted only after a <u>clinical review</u> <del>hearing</del> to verify
25	the voluntariness of the <u>minor's assent</u> consent.

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26	(4) TRANSFER TO VOLUNTARY STATUSAn involuntary patient
27	who applies to be transferred to voluntary status shall be
28	transferred to voluntary status immediately, unless the patient
29	has been charged with a crime, or has been involuntarily placed
30	for treatment by a court pursuant to s. 394.467 and continues to
31	meet the criteria for involuntary placement. When transfer to
32	voluntary status occurs, notice shall be given as provided in s.
33	394.4599, and if the patient is a minor, the minor's assent to
34	voluntary care must be verified as provided in paragraph (1)(a).
35	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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