

HB 2342 -- MENTAL HEALTH CARE FOR MINORS

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This bill provides that if a minor contacts a designated individual, as defined in the bill, seeking mental health care, that designated individual shall immediately evaluate the minor to determine if the minor presents an imminent danger to themselves or others and provide or refer the minor for appropriate care or treatment.

Any minor consenting to mental health counseling or treatment under Section 431.061, RSMo, shall have all records kept confidential and not shared with any parent or guardian without the minor's consent and no such parent or guardian shall prohibit or interfere with any treatment provided.

This bill is similar to HB 837 (2021).