

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1196

By: Griffin of the Senate

3 and

4 Nelson of the House

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6 An Act relating to public health; amending 63 O.S.  
7 2011, Section 2602, which relates to self-consent for  
8 medical services; permitting certain consent under  
9 certain circumstances; providing certain limitation;  
10 and providing an effective date.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 2602, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 2602. A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
15 the following minors may consent to have services provided by health  
16 professionals in the following cases:

17 1. Any minor who is married, has a dependent child or is  
18 emancipated;

19 2. Any minor who is separated from his parents or legal  
20 guardian for whatever reason and is not supported by his parents or  
21 guardian;

22 3. Any minor who is or has been pregnant, afflicted with any  
23 reportable communicable disease, drug and substance abuse or abusive  
24 use of alcohol; provided, however, that such self-consent only

1 applies to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of those  
2 conditions specified in this section. Any health professional who  
3 accepts the responsibility of providing such health services also  
4 assumes the obligation to provide counseling for the minor by a  
5 health professional. If the minor is found not to be pregnant nor  
6 suffering from a communicable disease nor drug or substance abuse  
7 nor abusive use of alcohol, the health professional shall not reveal  
8 any information whatsoever to the spouse, parent or legal guardian,  
9 without the consent of the minor;

10 4. Any minor parent as to his child;

11 5. Any spouse of a minor when the minor is unable to give  
12 consent by reason of physical or mental incapacity;

13 6. Any minor who by reason of physical or mental capacity  
14 cannot give consent and has no known relatives or legal guardian, if  
15 two physicians agree on the health service to be given; ~~or~~

16 7. Any minor in need of emergency services for conditions which  
17 will endanger his health or life if delay would result by obtaining  
18 consent from his spouse, parent or legal guardian; provided,  
19 however, that the prescribing of any medicine or device for the  
20 prevention of pregnancy shall not be considered such an emergency  
21 service; or

22 8. Any minor who is the victim of sexual assault; provided,  
23 however, that such self-consent only applies to a forensic medical  
24 examination by a qualified licensed health care professional.

1        If any minor falsely represents that he may give consent and a  
2 health professional provides health services in good faith based  
3 upon that misrepresentation, the minor shall receive full services  
4 without the consent of the minor's parent or legal guardian and the  
5 health professional shall incur no liability except for negligence  
6 or intentional harm. Consent of the minor shall not be subject to  
7 later disaffirmance or revocation because of his minority.

8        B. The health professional shall be required to make a  
9 reasonable attempt to inform the spouse, parent or legal guardian of  
10 the minor of any treatment needed or provided under paragraph 7 of  
11 subsection A of this section. In all other instances the health  
12 professional may, but shall not be required to inform the spouse,  
13 parent or legal guardian of the minor of any treatment needed or  
14 provided. The judgment of the health professional as to  
15 notification shall be final, and his disclosure shall not constitute  
16 libel, slander, the breach of the right of privacy, the breach of  
17 the rule of privileged communication or result in any other breach  
18 that would incur liability.

19        Information about the minor obtained through care by a health  
20 professional under the provisions of this act shall not be  
21 disseminated to any health professional, school, law enforcement  
22 agency or official, court authority, government agency or official  
23 employer, without the consent of the minor, except through specific  
24 legal requirements or if the giving of the information is necessary

1 to the health of the minor and public. Statistical reporting may be  
2 done when the minor's identity is kept confidential.

3 The health professional shall not incur criminal liability for  
4 action under the provisions of this act except for negligence or  
5 intentional harm.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

7 Passed the Senate the 22nd day of February, 2016.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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11 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
12 2016.

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of Representatives

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