

SENATE BILL 9070

By Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 2 and Title 68, relative to medical treatment for minors.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Except as provided by §§ 63-6-218, 63-6-220, 63-6-222, 63-6-223, and 63-6-229, a healthcare practitioner shall not provide a patient who is a minor with medical treatment without first obtaining written consent from the parent or legal guardian of the minor or pursuant to an appropriate court order.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "COVID-19" means the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and coronavirus disease 2019, including a mutation or variant of the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and coronavirus disease 2019;

(2) "Healthcare practitioner" means a person licensed to practice medicine, including those persons rendering services pursuant to § 63-6-204; and includes a person authorized by state or federal law, rule, regulation, or executive order to administer an immunization, vaccination, or injection for COVID-19;

(3) "Legal guardian" means an individual or entity that has the legal authority to provide for the care, supervision, or control of a minor as established by law or court order; and

(4) "Minor":

(A) Means an individual who has not attained eighteen (18) years of age; and

(B) Does not include an individual who has been emancipated pursuant to title 29, chapter 31.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.