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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 219 (Chairman, Environmental Matters Committee)
 (Departmental - Health and Mental Hygiene)

Environmental Matters

Consent to Mental Health Treatment - Minors

This departmental bill provides that the capacity of a minor who is 16 years old or older to consent to mental health treatment does not include the capacity to refuse treatment to which a parent or guardian consents. The bill takes effect July 1, 1999.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not substantively change State activities or operations.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: None. State mental health facilities will be able to continue to provide treatment for minors whose parent or guardian has consented to mental health treatment for the minor.

Local Expenditures: None. Local governments that operate mental health clinics will be able to continue to provide treatment for minors whose parent or guardian has consented to mental health treatment for the minor.

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