

Support for 2024 House Bill 0676

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As we are learning more and more about individual differences amongst people, it is also evidently clear that we need individual approaches in health care. We are not the same, our illnesses are not necessarily the same either. We need individualized treatment options sometimes and not one size fits approaches. This bill is a very good move towards that direction.

Patients with severe or debilitating diseases would have the opportunity to request and be administered treatments based on their individual characteristics. In case a general protocol is not suitable for someone based on his/her genetics or other reasons, they could have some individualized treatment options available for them.

The bill also seems to protect doctors and medical providers who would prescribe and administer this kind of individualized investigational treatment which allows for medical professionals to practice their profession freely. It also requires informed consent forms drawn up by the attorney general's office to be given to the patient and parental/guardian consent is also required to be able to receive this treatment in case of minors or those who are not capable to make their own decisions.

Please support this bill that is a good move towards individual treatment options for patients for whom other options are not suitable.

Thank you and sincerely,