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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 473, L.D. 642, "An Act To Ensure That Children Receive Behavioral Health Services"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3817-A is enacted to read:

§3817-A. Services to minors with consent of a parent or guardian

A person licensed under this chapter who practices clinical psychology and who renders services under this chapter to a minor with the consent of one of the minor's parents or the minor's guardian is under no obligation to obtain the consent of any other parent or guardian of the minor. Nothing in this section may be construed so as to prohibit the licensed person rendering the services from informing another parent or guardian of the services.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §7008 is enacted to read:

§7008. Services to minors with consent of a parent or guardian

A person licensed under this chapter who renders services under this chapter to a minor with the consent of one of the minor's parents or the minor's guardian is under no obligation to obtain the consent of any other parent or guardian of the minor. Nothing in this section may be construed so as to prohibit the licensed person rendering the services from informing another parent or guardian of the services.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §13868 is enacted to read:

§13868. Services to minors with consent of a parent or guardian

A person licensed under this chapter as a clinical professional counselor who renders services under this chapter to a minor with the consent of one of the minor's parents or the minor's guardian is under no obligation to obtain the consent of any other parent or guardian of the minor. Nothing in this section may be construed so as to prohibit the licensed person rendering the services from informing another parent or guardian of the services.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section  
2 number to read consecutively.

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It replaces the bill, but retains  
5 the bill's intent to ensure the time-sensitive provision of behavioral health services to  
6 minors by licensed psychologists practicing clinical psychology, social workers and  
7 clinical professional counselors. The amendment authorizes specified providers to provide  
8 services with the consent of one of the minor's parents or the minor's guardian. The  
9 provisions do not prohibit the provider from informing another parent or guardian of the  
10 minor of the services.