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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1305

5 By: Representatives Haak, Lundstrum  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO RESTORE AND PROTECT PARENTAL RIGHTS; TO  
10 AMEND THE CONSENT TO TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR  
11 MINORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

15 TO RESTORE AND PROTECT PARENTAL RIGHTS;  
16 AND TO AMEND THE CONSENT TO TREATMENT  
17 AUTHORIZATION FOR MINORS.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-9-602(7), concerning consent to  
23 treatment generally, is amended to read as follows:

24 (7) Any unemancipated minor ~~of sufficient intelligence to~~  
25 ~~understand and appreciate the consequences of the proposed surgical or~~  
26 ~~medical treatment or procedures, for himself or herself~~ who is sixteen (16)  
27 years of age or older for:

- 28 (A) Sexual assault;
- 29 (B) Domestic, sexual, or physical abuse;
- 30 (C) Substance or alcohol abuse; or
- 31 (D) Human trafficking;
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-9-602, concerning consent to treatment  
34 generally, is amended to *add an additional subdivision* to read as follows:

35 (15) Any unemancipated minor of sufficient intelligence to  
36 understand and appreciate the consequences of the proposed surgical or



1 medical treatment or procedures for himself or herself and who will receive  
2 surgical or medical treatment or procedures from the Department of Health at  
3 a local health unit facility.

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