



# Representative Bobby Levy

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Chair Nosse, Vice Chair Goodwin, Vice Chair Nelson and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Bobby Levy, state representative for House District 58. I am writing my opposition on HB 2395 -2.

Before the -2 amendment I had sponsored this HB 2395. However, under the -2 amendment I have a couple points of opposition. Under Section 17. 109.675 (1) (a) A minor may obtain, without parental knowledge or consent outpatient diagnosis or treatment of a substance use disorder.

I believe that parents should be involved, unless they themselves are abusing drugs or mentally unfit, however I don't know what the criteria for determining that is or how it would be implemented. In my opinion, one of the main contributors to drug addiction is the fact that parents are not involved. Parents should be more involved, mental health providers get dealt a vague criteria that says they are able to withhold information from the parent, if the mental health provider 'determines that it is not in the minor's best interest to disclose the information'. In some circumstances I believe that may be the correct course of action but it can become obtuse and leave room for harmful decisions to be made on the behalf of another person that may need support from their parent.

Under Section 21. 475.525 (1) (a). 'Drug Paraphernalia' **should not** include hypodermic syringes or needles.

M110 enabled more of our young to literally die from overdoses because of the availability to access to drugs. **Excluding access to hypodermic syringes and needles** is very important to beginning the recovery we all want. This will continue to enable people to become addicted and I cannot support that aspect of this bill.

Best,

Rep. Bobby Levy, HD 58