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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Health Policy (Rouson) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 178 - 201

and insert:

(c) If the court finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the minor is sufficiently mature to decide whether to terminate her pregnancy, the court shall issue an order authorizing the minor to obtain an abortion without the consent of a parent or guardian. If the court does not make the finding specified in this paragraph or paragraph (d), it must dismiss



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11 the petition. The court shall consider whether there may be any
12 undue influence by another on the minor's decision to have an
13 abortion and all of the following factors concerning the minor:

14 1. Age.

15 2. Overall intelligence.

16 3. Emotional development and stability.

17 4. Credibility and demeanor as a witness.

18 5. Ability to accept responsibility.

19 6. Ability to assess both the immediate and long-range
20 consequences of her choices.

21 7. Ability to understand and explain the medical risks of
22 terminating her pregnancy and to apply that understanding to her
23 decision.

24 (d) If the court finds, by a preponderance of the evidence,
25 that the petitioner is the victim of child abuse or sexual
26 abuse, as those terms are defined in s. 390.01114(2), inflicted
27 by one or both of her parents or her guardian, or finds, by a
28 preponderance of the evidence, that requiring the consent of a