

HB 1583 -- Juvenile Court Jurisdiction

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This bill specifies that juvenile court jurisdiction may be retained until a child reaches 21 years of age unless the child has been admitted to a mental health facility based on psychiatric evaluations of the child by two mental health professionals not affiliated with each other which result in recommendations by both mental health professionals that the child be admitted to a mental health facility for treatment.

The juvenile court will have authority to order the psychiatric evaluations on the court's own motion or at the request of any party to the proceeding and to order the child to be admitted to a mental health facility for treatment.