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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to voluntary admissions for mental
3 illness; amending s. 394.4625, F.S.; revising
4 voluntary admission requirements for minors; providing
5 an effective date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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9 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
10 394.4625, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11 394.4625 Voluntary admissions.—

12 (1) AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE PATIENTS.—

13 (a) A facility may receive for observation, diagnosis, or
14 treatment any person 18 years of age or older making application
15 to the facility by express and informed consent for admission or
16 any person ~~age 17~~ years of age or younger ~~under~~ for whom such
17 application is made by his or her guardian. If found to show
18 evidence of mental illness, to be competent to provide express
19 and informed consent, and to be suitable for treatment, such
20 person 18 years of age or older may be admitted to the facility.
21 A person ~~age 17~~ years of age or younger ~~under~~ may be admitted,
22 if found to show evidence of mental illness and to be suitable
23 for treatment, upon the express and informed consent of the
24 person's guardian ~~only after a hearing to verify the~~
25 ~~voluntariness of the consent.~~

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.