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Brief Description: Revising provisions relating to treatment of minors.

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Recognizes that minors often have multiple needs and it is important to provide uniform and compatible treatment to minors for their mental, emotional, and physical needs. There is a need to provide uniform prevention and treatment services for the needs of minors who are suffering from illness or other destructive patterns of behavior such as alcohol or drug addiction.

Provides that no public or private agency or governmental entity, nor officer of a public or private agency, nor the professional person in charge, his or her professional designee or attending staff of any such agency, nor any public official performing functions necessary to the administration of this act, nor peace officer responsible for detaining a person under this act, nor any designated chemical dependency specialist, nor treatment program, shall be civilly or criminally liable for performing his or her duties under this chapter with regard to the decision of whether to admit, release, or detain a person for evaluation and treatment: PROVIDED, That such duties were performed in good faith and without gross negligence.