



HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	House File 234	House Committee:	PASSED 2/2/17 (21-0)
Committee:	Human Resources	House Floor:	PASSED 2/14/17 (98-0)
Floor Manager:	Rep. Koester	Senate Floor:	PASSED 4/10/17 (48-0)
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Mental Health Advocate Reports

- Mental health advocates are appointed by the county board of supervisors in each county to represent the interests of a patient that has been involuntarily hospitalized.
- Current law requires mental health advocates to file quarterly reports with the court. The bill amends the current law to require a mental health advocate to file reports only when the advocate feels a report is necessary or if the court requests it.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1

This section strikes the requirement that mental health advocates file quarterly reports with the court. The form the report is submitted in is not mandated by the court any longer.