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Senate Bill 254 (as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Senator Dave Robertson  
Committee: Judiciary

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Parental Rights Restoration Act to do the following:

- Prohibit a minor who was denied a waiver of parental consent for an abortion by a family court judge from seeking a waiver for the same pregnancy in the family court.
- Require the court, if it denied a waiver, to inform the minor that she could appeal the denial, could not initiate proceedings in a family court, but could request a rehearing by the same family court judge if there were a change of circumstances.
- Require the court to grant a waiver if it determined that the minor was sufficiently mature and informed to make an abortion decision, based on the consideration of specific factors, including whether the court should contravene a common law standard that "a minor is not capable of providing informed consent for medical treatment".
- Require the court to grant a waiver if it found that a waiver was in the minor's best interest, based on the consideration of specific factors, including whether the court should contravene a common law standard that "a minor's best interest is served by involvement of the minor's parents in medical decision making".
- Require the court to grant a waiver if it found that both parents, or the minor's legal guardian, had demonstrated through neglect or abuse a lack of concern or competence in serving the minor's best interests, based on specific factors.

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Legislative Analyst: Suzanne Lowe

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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