

## Committee on Public Health

### Bill Summary

<b>Bill No.</b>	H2361
<b>Title:</b>	<i>An Act relative to ensuring quality healthcare for children</i>
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Representative James C. Arena-DeRosa
<b>Committee:</b>	Public Health
<b>Hearing Date:</b>	July 14, 2025
<b>Similar Matters:</b>	None
<b>Prior History:</b>	New File
<b>Reporting Deadline:</b>	September 12, 2025
<b>Current Law:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>M.G.L. Chapter 111</b> pertains to public health.</li><li>• <b>M.G.L. Chapter 111 § 70e</b> pertains to patients' and residents' rights.</li></ul>

#### **Summary:**

Amends M.G.L. Chapter 111 § 70e by adding language that ensures any parent or guardian of a patient or resident of a facility who is under 16 years of age has the right to inspect all medical records, including digital medical records, of the patient or resident without consent unless the medical records involve family planning services, gender-affirming health care services, substance use disorder treatment services, sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy-related treatment, and mental health treatment. The department of public health must promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this purpose.