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- 1** **Voluntary admission and treatment.** Under current law, a person 16 or older can consent to voluntary chemical dependency treatment. Anyone under 16 may be admitted for voluntary chemical dependency treatment with parental consent and an independent evaluation. The bill creates the following additional process for a person 16 or 17 years old who has parental consent. If independent examination shows reasonable evidence that the patient is chemically dependent and suitable for treatment, the patient must be informed that:
- (1) the proposed patient may obtain a second independent examination by an examiner chosen by the patient;
 - (2) if the proposed patient does not request a second examination within five days or if the second examination agrees with the first, the parent or guardian may have the proposed patient admitted for treatment.
- States the provisions of items (1) and (2) as substantive law, in addition to their being the content of the notice.