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Comments: Conceptually, we appreciate the intent of this measure and believe it may be a good idea to provide notice to family members or a guardian or a close friend of an individual with a mental illness who is admitted to a hospital or discharged from a facility. Family members are often kept in the dark about such matters and they could provide a very valuable support network. We realize that state and federal privacy laws might pose some challenges to the goals of this bill and we appreciate what the Senate has done so far in the SD1 version to attempt to sort that out. This is a work in progress and we would be happy to participate in any discussions to best help the legislature achieve the intent of this proposal.

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