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A bill for an act
relating to health; requiring disclosure of certain hospital futility policies;
proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[144.595] HOSPITAL FUTILITY POLICY.**

(a) A hospital licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.56 that adopts or implements a futility policy that applies to treatment of any child, from birth to 18 years of age, must disclose the futility policy to the parents of children treated at the hospital when the hospital identifies the need for a formal process to address concerns over the proposed treatment of a child. The hospital must file a copy of the hospital futility policy with the commissioner of health.

(b) For purposes of this section, a "futility policy" is any policy, whether written or otherwise, that encourages hospital employees, or other medical professionals who provide care to patients at the hospital, to withhold or discontinue treatment for a patient on the grounds of medical futility.