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Introduced by:
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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE TO A PARENT
OR GUARDIAN OF A MINOR CHILD WHO SEEKS TO RECEIVE
PREGNANCY-RELATED HEALTH CARE SERVICES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-601 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) Prior to the performance of an abortion upon a minor, a physician
4 or counselor shall provide pregnancy information and counseling in
5 accordance with this section in a manner and language that will be
6 understood by the minor. The physician or counselor shall:

7 (1) Explain that the information being given to the minor is being
8 given objectively and is not intended to coerce, persuade or induce the
9 minor to choose to have an abortion or to carry the pregnancy to term;

10 (2) Explain that the minor may withdraw a decision to have an
11 abortion at any time before the abortion is performed or may reconsider
12 a decision not to have an abortion at any time within the time period
13 during which an abortion may legally be performed;

14 (3) Explain to the minor the alternative choices available for
15 managing the pregnancy, including: (A) Carrying the pregnancy to term
16 and keeping the child, (B) carrying the pregnancy to term and placing
17 the child for adoption, placing the child with a relative or obtaining
18 voluntary foster care for the child, and (C) having an abortion, and
19 explain that public and private agencies are available to assist the minor
20 with whichever alternative she chooses and that a list of these agencies
21 and the services available from each will be provided if the minor
22 requests;

23 (4) Explain that public and private agencies are available to provide
24 birth control information and that a list of these agencies and the
25 services available from each will be provided if the minor requests;

26 [(5) Discuss the possibility of involving the minor's parents, guardian
27 or other adult family members in the minor's decision-making
28 concerning the pregnancy and whether the minor believes that
29 involvement would be in the minor's best interests; and]

30 (5) Explain and carry out the following notification procedures to
31 parents, legal guardians or others:

32 (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, notice
33 shall be provided to at least one parent or legal guardian of a pregnant
34 unemancipated minor not less than forty-eight hours prior to the
35 performance of an abortion upon such minor. Such notice may be
36 provided by the physician or counselor providing information and
37 counseling; and

38 (B) If a pregnant unemancipated minor declares in a signed written
39 statement that she is a victim of sexual abuse, neglect or physical abuse
40 by either of her parents or her legal guardian, the physician or counselor
41 providing counseling shall provide the notice required pursuant to
42 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision to such minor's brother or sister
43 who is aged twenty-one years or older or a stepparent or grandparent
44 specified by such minor or, if no such person exists, to some other

45 person who is aged twenty-one years or older specified by such minor;
46 and

47 (6) Provide adequate opportunity for the minor to ask any questions
48 concerning the pregnancy, abortion, child care and adoption, and
49 provide information the minor seeks or, if the person cannot provide the
50 information, indicate where the minor can receive the information.

51 (b) After the person provides the information and counseling to a
52 minor as required by this section, such person shall have the minor sign
53 and date a form stating that:

54 (1) The minor has received information on alternatives to abortion
55 and that there are agencies that will provide assistance and that a list of
56 these agencies and the services available from each will be provided if
57 the minor requests;

58 (2) The minor has received an explanation that the minor may
59 withdraw an abortion decision or reconsider a decision to carry a
60 pregnancy to term;

61 (3) The alternatives available for managing the pregnancy have been
62 explained to the minor;

63 (4) The minor has received an explanation about agencies available
64 to provide birth control information and that a list of these agencies and
65 the services available from each will be provided if the minor requests;

66 (5) The minor [has discussed with the person providing the
67 information and counseling the possibility of involving the minor's
68 parents, guardian or other adult family members in the minor's
69 decision-making about the pregnancy] received an explanation of the
70 parental notification requirements pursuant to subdivision (5) of
71 subsection (a) of this section;

72 (6) If applicable, the minor has determined that not involving the
73 minor's parents, guardian or other adult family members is in the

74 minor's best interests; and

75 (7) The minor has been given an adequate opportunity to ask
76 questions.

77 (c) The person providing the information and counseling shall also
78 sign and date the form and shall include such person's business address
79 and business telephone number. The person shall keep a copy for such
80 minor's medical record and shall give the form to the minor or, if the
81 minor requests and if such person is not the attending physician,
82 transmit the form to the minor's attending physician. Such medical
83 record shall be maintained as otherwise provided by law.

84 (d) The provision of pregnancy information and counseling by a
85 physician or counselor which is evidenced in writing containing the
86 information and statements provided in this section and which is signed
87 by the minor shall be presumed to be evidence of compliance with the
88 requirements of this section.

89 (e) (1) No health care provider, authorized to perform an abortion
90 pursuant to section 19a-602, shall perform an abortion upon a minor
91 until the written statement required pursuant to subparagraph (A) of
92 subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of this section, certifying that the
93 physician or counselor providing the information and counseling under
94 subsection (a) of this section has provided notice to at least one parent
95 or legal guardian of such minor, is received. If the health care provider
96 performing the abortion receives a signed statement pursuant to
97 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of this section, such
98 physician shall certify in the minor's medical record that such health
99 care provider has received such statement. Any health care provider
100 relying in good faith on such statement shall not be civilly or criminally
101 liable for failure to give the notice required pursuant to subparagraph
102 (A) of subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of this section.

103 (2) The minor may petition a court for a waiver of the notice
104 requirements pursuant to subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of this section

105 and may participate in proceedings on her own behalf. The petition shall
106 include a statement that the minor is pregnant and unemancipated. The
107 petition shall also include a statement that such notice requirements
108 have not been waived by the parent or legal guardian and that the minor
109 wishes to obtain an abortion without giving such required notification.
110 The court shall appoint a guardian for the minor.

111 (A) If the court finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the
112 minor is both sufficiently mature and well-informed to decide whether
113 to have an abortion, the court shall issue an order authorizing the minor
114 to consent to the performance of an abortion without such required
115 notification. If the court does not make the finding specified in this
116 subparagraph or in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, it shall dismiss
117 the petition.

118 (B) If the court finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that there
119 is a pattern of physical, sexual or emotional abuse of the minor by one
120 or both of her parents or her legal guardian, or that the notification of a
121 parent or legal guardian is not in the best interest of the minor, the court
122 shall issue an order authorizing the minor to consent to the performance
123 of an abortion without such required notification. If the court does not
124 make the finding specified in this subparagraph or in subparagraph (A)
125 of this subdivision, it shall dismiss the petition.

126 [(e)] (f) The requirements of this section shall not apply when, in the
127 best medical judgment of the physician based on the facts of the case
128 before him, a medical emergency exists that so complicates the
129 pregnancy or the health, safety or well-being of the minor as to require
130 an immediate abortion. A physician who does not comply with the
131 requirements of this section by reason of this exception shall state in the
132 medical record of the abortion the medical indications on which his
133 judgment was based.

<p>This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:</p>
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	19a-601
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Statement of Purpose:

To (1) require the provision of notice to a parent or guardian of a minor child who seeks to receive pregnancy-related health care services, and (2) establish a court process to determine if such notice must be provided in a situation involving a minor child who does not want such notice to be provided.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]