

Parents for the Protection of Girls

Legislative Training Sessions

FACT SHEET

SAVE PARENTAL NOTICE!!!
PLEASE VOTE NO ON HOUSE BILL 1797 & SENATE BILL 2190

House Bill 1797 (Moeller-D) and **Senate Bill 2190** (Sims-D) seek to repeal the Parental Notice of Abortion Act. This law, which has been in statute since 1995 and enforced since 2013, requires a parent or legal guardian be notified when a minor under the age of 18 seeks an abortion. There is no requirement for parental consent, only notification. The law also includes two waivers: (1) a judicial waiver for those not wishing to inform their parents and (2) a blanket waiver for minors who attest to being physically or sexually abused.

REPEALING A POPULAR, REASONABLE, AND CONSTITUTIONAL SAFEGUARD

- A Tarrance Group survey, conducted in early March of this year, showed 72% of Illinois voters support the Parental Notice law.
- Every state bordering Illinois – Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri and Iowa – require at least parental notification.
- The Illinois Supreme Court (unanimously) and the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals have both ruled the law constitutional.

REPEALING A LAW DEMONSTRABLY SAVING LIVES

- Illinois Department of Public Health statistics show a decrease in abortions on minors since 2013, when 1,762 minors had an abortion.
- In 2014, that number dropped to 1,255; in 2015, 1,226; in 2016, 1,037; in 2017, 1,003; and in 2018, the most recent year for which data is available, 1,092 – an average annual 36% drop.

CUTTING PARENTS OUT

- A repeal would be contrary to the legal and moral right of parents and legal guardians to care for their children.
 - Under current law, it is illegal for minors to use an indoor tanning bed, or for a minor to get a tattoo or body piercing without parental consent.
 - Minors cannot vote, buy cigarettes, serve in the military or purchase lottery tickets, but they will be able to get an abortion at any time, for any reason, without their parents' knowledge.
 - Medical studies have shown that brain development in minors is not complete. This is why so many of our laws require parental involvement in the decisions of their minor children. Decisions on abortion, which have been shown to have significant physical and psychological consequences, should be no different.
- Since the law took effect, we are unaware of any publicly reported incidents of the abuse or neglect of any minor whose parents were informed of her intention to obtain an abortion.

ELIMINATING A SAFEGUARD AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Without the Parental Notice law human traffickers and adult abusers will be able to take their minor victims to clinics and erase the evidence of their abuse without anyone knowing.
- 32% of teen mothers ages 15-17 are impregnated by men older than age 20 (*National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy*).