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Bad Abortion Legislation - 2023 Spring Session of the Illinois General Assembly August, 2023

HB 3326- Rep. Ann Williams - Sen. Sara Feigenholtz - Provides that an ALPR (automated license plate reader) user shall not sell, share, allow access to, or transfer ALPR information to any state or local jurisdiction for the purpose of investigating or enforcing a law that: (i) denies or interferes with a person's right to choose or obtain reproductive health care services or any lawful health care services as defined by the Lawful Health Care Activity Act;.... Provides that any ALPR user in this State, including any law enforcement agency of this State that uses ALPR systems, shall not share ALPR information with an out-of-state law enforcement agency without first obtaining a written declaration from the out-of-state law enforcement agency that it expressly affirms that ALPR information obtained shall not be used in a manner that violates the Act. **House vote 72-39; Senate vote 39-15; SIGNED INTO LAW EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024 PUBLIC ACT 103-0540**

SB 1344 – Sen. Celina Villanueva – Rep. Kelly Cassidy – Amends the Illinois Insurance Code to expand coverage of abortifacients and “hormonal therapy medication” (to treat gender dysphoria) and to Amend the Abortion Care Clinical Training Program Act (created by the lame-duck abortion bill – HB 4664 – in January 2023) to prohibit obtaining reports from the program using the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) **NOTE: The Abortion Care Clinical Training Program Act will allow medical students in states that prohibit their medical schools from teaching how to do abortions to be trained in Illinois on how to do abortions.**
Senate vote 36-19; House vote 73-39; SIGNED INTO LAW EFFECTIVE AUGUST 4, 2023 PUBLIC ACT 103-0462

SB 1561 – Sen. Celina Villanueva - Rep. Kelly Cassidy – This bill is similar to and further expands upon **SB1344** above.
Senate vote 48-5; House vote 70-34-1; SIGNED INTO LAW EFFECTIVE AUGUST 11, 2023 PUBLIC ACT 103-0551

SB 1907- Sen. Celina - Villanueva - Rep. Barbara Hernandez --Requires all public universities and community colleges to provide “emergency contraceptives” (Plan – B) at reduced prices in at least one vending machine on the campus that is accessible 24/7
Senate vote 38-19; House vote 73-40; SIGNED INTO LAW EFFECTIVE AUGUST 4, 2023 PUBLIC ACT 103-0465

SB 1909 – Sen. Celina Villanueva – Rep. Terra Costa Howard -- Attempts to make it impossible for pregnancy resource centers to operate by making them and sidewalk counselors civilly liable for engaging in “deceptive acts or practices” without defining what that even is. Allows the Attorney General to investigate the centers with or without a specific complaint. The bill states that pro-life centers cannot talk to women by “overstating the risks of abortion;” cannot cite studies that show risks of abortion like cancer or infertility; or that might be a violation if centers say the unborn child is a person at conception. Prohibiting these is unconstitutional against the 1st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution on freedom of religion and free/religious speech. The bill does not define terms that it says would be a violation, which is against the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution on vagueness. The deputy attorney general (whose office would be in charge of deciding to prosecute a violation) testifying in committee would not say what was a violation.

Senate vote 36-19; House vote 72-40-1; SIGNED INTO LAW EFFECTIVE JULY 27, 2023 PUBLIC ACT 103-0270

A FEDERAL JUDGE ISSUED A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION TO IMMEDIATELY HALT THIS LAW UNTIL A FULL HEARING CAN HAPPENS