

Girls' Health First



HB 1797 & SB 2190 Empower

Sexual Predators against young girls

These bills seek to repeal the Illinois Parental Notice of Abortion law, which requires a parent or legal guardian be notified before an abortion is performed on a minor under the age of 18. Consent is not required, only notification.

- Repealing parental notification allows older men and sex traffickers to use abortion to conceal evidence of their sexual abuse of minor girls. The average age of a trafficked girl is 13.
- 32% of teen mothers ages 15-17 are impregnated by men older than 20. (*National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy*)
- A March 2021 poll by the Tarrance Group shows that **72% of Illinoisians are in favor of keeping the Parental Notice of Abortion law**, with support even higher among people of Color. Every state bordering IL requires notification or consent.
- The current Illinois Parental Notice of Abortion Act already provides procedures for girls in extenuating circumstances to obtain an abortion without notifying an adult family member: (1) a judicial waiver for those not wishing to inform their parents and (2) a blanket waiver for minors who attest to abuse at home.
- **In Illinois, a nurse can't give a minor an aspirin, nor can a girl get her ears pierced, without the *permission* (not just notification) of a parent or guardian.**
- Parents who don't know about an abortion are unable to provide appropriate aftercare for their girls, such as extra support, counseling, or ensuring she is not at school or another public place when she passes the fetal remains.

*"If my mother had had to be notified, she might have been able to find me."
Dr. Brook Bello,
human trafficking survivor*

Put girls' safety over predators' preferences. Please urge your State Representative and State Senator in Springfield to vote NO on HB 1797 & SB 2190. To find your legislators, go to www.GirlsHealthFirst.com