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"AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 19a-601 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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

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

12 (2) Explain that the minor may withdraw a decision to have an

13 abortion at any time before the abortion is performed or may reconsider
14 a decision not to have an abortion at any time within the time period
15 during which an abortion may legally be performed;

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

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

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

32 (6) Explain that the physician or counselor providing such
33 information or counseling to an unemancipated minor shall conduct the
34 following notification procedures:

35 (A) Prior to having an abortion, the minor shall provide to such
36 physician or counsellor the name and contact information of (i) at least
37 one parent of such minor or the legal guardian of such minor, or (ii) if
38 the minor has made a written declaration as described in subparagraph
39 (C) of this subdivision, of the person specified in such declaration by the
40 minor;

41 (B) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, the
42 physician or counselor shall provide notice to at least one parent or legal
43 guardian of such minor of the abortion not later than forty-eight hours

44 after the performance of the abortion;

45 (C) If such minor declares in a signed written statement to such
46 physician or counselor that she is a victim of sexual abuse, neglect or
47 physical abuse by either of her parents or her legal guardian, such
48 physician or counselor shall provide the notice required pursuant to
49 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision to any person who is twenty-one
50 years of age or older specified by such minor; and

51 (D) If the physician performing the abortion receives a signed
52 statement pursuant to subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, such
53 physician shall certify in the minor's medical record that such physician
54 has received such statement. Any physician relying in good faith on
55 such statement shall not be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to
56 section 19a-17 for failure to give the notice required pursuant to
57 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision; and

58 ~~[(6)]~~ (Z) Provide adequate opportunity for the minor to ask any
59 questions concerning the pregnancy, abortion, child care and adoption,
60 and provide information the minor seeks or, if the person cannot
61 provide the information, indicate where the minor can receive the
62 information.

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

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

70 (2) The minor has received an explanation that the minor may
71 withdraw an abortion decision or reconsider a decision to carry a
72 pregnancy to term;

73 (3) The alternatives available for managing the pregnancy have been

74 explained to the minor;

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

78 (5) The minor has [discussed with the person providing the
79 information and counseling the possibility of involving the minor's
80 parents, guardian or other adult family members in the minor's
81 decision-making about the pregnancy] received an explanation of the
82 parental notification requirements pursuant to subdivision (6) of
83 subsection (a) of this section;

84 (6) If applicable, the minor has determined that not involving the
85 minor's parents, guardian or other adult family members is in the
86 minor's best interests; and

87 (7) The minor has been given an adequate opportunity to ask
88 questions.

89 (c) The person providing the information and counseling shall also
90 sign and date the form and shall include such person's business address
91 and business telephone number. The person shall keep a copy for such
92 minor's medical record and shall give the form to the minor or, if the
93 minor requests and if such person is not the attending physician,
94 transmit the form to the minor's attending physician. Such medical
95 record shall be maintained as otherwise provided by law.

96 (d) The provision of pregnancy information and counseling by a
97 physician or counselor which is evidenced in writing containing the
98 information and statements provided in this section and which is signed
99 by the minor shall be presumed to be evidence of compliance with the
100 requirements of this section.

101 (e) The requirements of this section shall not apply when, in the best
102 medical judgment of the physician based on the facts of the case before
103 him, a medical emergency exists that so complicates the pregnancy or

104 the health, safety or well-being of the minor as to require an immediate
105 abortion. A physician who does not comply with the requirements of
106 this section by reason of this exception shall state in the medical record
107 of the abortion the medical indications on which his judgment was
108 based."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	19a-601