SENATE BILL NO. 111

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT 2 To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 40:1061.14(A), R.S. 40:1061.14(A)(1) and (B)(3)(b)(ii) and (iii) and (4), 1061.19(A)(2), and 3 1061.21(A)(5) and to enact R.S. 40:1061.14(B)(3)(b)(iv) and 1061.14.1, relative to 4 abortion for an unemancipated minor; to provide for parental consent; to provide for 5 court orders; to require identification for parents or guardians; to provide for 6 7 counseling for minor children who are victims of coerced abortions or commercial sexual exploitation; to provide for evaluation and counseling; to provide for 8 9 recordkeeping; to provide for penalties; to provide for reporting; to provide for 10 severability; and to provide for related matters. 11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 12 Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 40:1061.14(A), R.S. 40:1061.14(A)(1) and (B)(3)(b)(ii) and (iii) and (4), 1061.19(A)(2), and 1061.21(A)(5) are hereby amended 13 14 and reenacted and R.S. 40:1061.14(B)(3)(b)(iv) and 1061.14.1 are hereby enacted to read 15 as follows: §1061.14. Minors 16 A. No physician shall perform or induce an abortion upon any pregnant 17 woman who is under the age of eighteen years and who is not emancipated judicially 18 19 or by marriage unless the physician or a qualified person acting as agent of the

physician pursuant to R.S. 40:1061.17(B)(4)(c) has received one of the following

those documents provided for in either Paragraph (1) or (2) of this Subsection:

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1	(1)(a) A notarized statement signed by the mother, father, legal guardian, or
2	tutor of the <u>unemancipated</u> minor declaring that the affiant has been informed that
3	the minor intends to seek an abortion and that the affiant consents to the abortion.
4	The affiant shall provide sufficient evidence of identity that shall be expressly
5	specified in the affidavit to establish an articulable basis for a reasonably
6	prudent person to believe that the affiant is one of the following:
7	(i) The lawful mother.
8	(ii) The lawful father.
9	(iii) The legal guardian.
10	(iv) The lawful tutor of the minor.
11	(b) A copy of a valid and unexpired driver's license or a
12	government-issued identification card of the individual giving consent on behalf
13	of the unemancipated minor as provided for in Subparagraph (a) of this
14	Paragraph.
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16	B. The following provisions shall apply to all applications for court orders
17	by minors seeking abortions and appeals from denials of applications:
18	* * *
19	(3) * * *
20	(b) * * *
21	(ii) Such evaluation and counseling session shall be for the purpose of
22	developing trustworthy and reliable expert opinion concerning the minor's
23	sufficiency of knowledge, insight, judgment, and maturity with regard to her abortion
24	decision in order to aid the court in its decision and to make the state's resources
25	available to the court for this purpose. Persons conducting such sessions may shall
26	employ the information and printed materials referred to in R.S. 40:1061.17 in
27	examining how well the minor interviewed is informed about pregnancy, fetal
28	development, abortion risks and consequences, the indicators of human
29	trafficking, and abortion alternatives, and should shall also endeavor to verify that

the minor is seeking an abortion of her own free will and is not acting under

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intimidation, threats, abuse, undue pressure, or extortion by any other persons <u>and</u> is not a victim of a coerced abortion as defined in Children's Code Art. 603(9).

- (iii) For purposes of providing screening to protect the safety and wellbeing of the minor, such evaluation and counseling session shall also endeavor to ascertain whether the minor is pregnant as a result of sexual activity constituting a crime under the laws of this state, or as a result of commercial sexual exploitation of the minor, and shall inform the minor of resources available for her protection.
- (iv) The results of such evaluation and counseling shall be reported to the court by the most expeditious means, commensurate with security and confidentiality, to assure receipt by the court prior to or at the ex parte hearing.
- (4)(a) If the minor has not been interviewed in such evaluation and counseling session prior to the ex parte hearing, such that the court does not have the benefit of the required report, then the court may appoint a certified child advocate attorney to be present with the minor at the ex parte hearing for the purpose of assisting the minor in communicating to the court whether her abortion decision is made with sufficient maturity and free and informed consent, commensurate with the duty of confidentiality. A certified child advocate attorney shall be given sufficient time on the same day as the ex parte hearing to review with the minor the information and printed materials referred to in R.S. 40:1061.17, in evaluating how well the minor is informed about pregnancy, fetal development, abortion risks and consequences, the indicators of human trafficking, and abortion alternatives. The certified child advocate attorney shall also endeavor to assist in the court's determination of whether the minor is seeking the abortion of her own free will and is not acting under intimidation, threats, undue pressure, or extortion by other persons, is not a victim of coerced abortion as defined in Children's Code Art. 603(9), and is not in need of assistance or protective orders if the minor is a victim of commercial sexual exploitation as defined in Children's Code Art. 603(9.1), or any crime against the child as defined in Children's Code Art. 603(12).

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1	(b) If the court, using reasoned judgment and evidentiary evaluation, finds,
2	by clear and convincing evidence, that the minor is sufficiently mature and well
3	enough informed to make the decision concerning the abortion on her own, and
4	further finds that the minor is not a victim of coerced abortion, and is seeking
5	the abortion of her own free will, the court shall issue an order authorizing the
6	minor to act on the matter without parental consultation or consent.
7	(c) Whether or not the court authorizes the abortion, if the court finds
8	by a preponderance of the evidence that the minor is a victim of commercial
9	sexual exploitation as defined in Children's Code Art. 603(9.1), or any crime
10	against the child as defined in Children's Code Art. 603(12), the court may issue
11	any appropriate protective orders or afford the minor the continued services of
12	a court-appointed special advocate, or both.
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14	§1061.14.1. Fraudulent interference with parental consent
15	A. Any person giving parental consent pursuant to R.S. 40:1061.14(A)(1)
16	on behalf of a minor on whom an abortion was completed shall be subject to
17	R.S. 14:70.7 providing penalties for the unlawful production, manufacturing,
18	distribution or possession of fraudulent documents for identification purposes.
19	B. Any employee of a licensed outpatient abortion facility who knowingly
20	aids and abets a person who is not the mother, father, legal guardian, or tutor
21	of a minor on whom an abortion was performed in the execution or acceptance
22	of the parental consent requirements as required by R.S. 40:1061.14(A)(1), shall
23	be subject to the penalties in R.S. 40:1061.29.
24	* * *
25	§1061.19. Records
26	A. Each physician shall retain and make part of the medical record of each
27	pregnant woman upon whom an abortion is performed or induced, copies of the
28	following:
29	* * *
30	(2) The consent form or court order required by R.S. 40:1061.14, if

SB NO. 111 ENROLLED 1 applicable. If the pregnant woman is an unemancipated minor, one of the 2 following: 3 (a) A notarized consent form and copies of identification as provided for 4 in R.S. 40:1061.14(A)(1). 5 (b) A court order required by R.S. 40:1061.14(B), if applicable. 6 §1061.21. Reports 7 A. An individual abortion report for each abortion performed or induced shall 8 9 be completed by the attending physician. The report shall be confidential and shall 10 not contain the name or address of the woman. The report shall include: 11 12 (5)(a) Age of pregnant woman. 13 (b) If the pregnant woman is a minor, a notation of whether the abortion 14 was performed pursuant to either notarized parental consent or a judicial 15 bypass order as provided for in R.S. 40:1061.14. 16 17 Section 2. If any one or more provisions, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, 18 phrases, or words of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is 19 found to be unconstitutional, the same is hereby declared to be severable in accordance with 20 R.S. 24:175 and the balance of this Act shall remain effective notwithstanding such 21 unconstitutionality. The legislature hereby declares that it would have passed this Act, and 22 each provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word thereof, irrespective 23 of the fact that any one or more provisions, sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, 24 or words be declared unconstitutional.

	PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
	SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
	GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA
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