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HOUSE BILL NO. 1262 (Substitute for House Bill No. 727 by Representative Ivey)

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1 AN ACT 2 To amend and reenact Children's Code Article 603(9) and R.S. 40:1299.35.12 and to enact 3 R.S. 40:1299.35.5.2 and 1299.35.8(A)(6), relative to consent to abortion; to require 4 provision of certain materials to women prior to abortion and to provide for the 5 content of such materials; to provide for requirements of the Department of Health 6 and Hospitals relative to development and publication of printed and Internet-based 7 materials concerning abortion; to provide for duties of physicians who perform 8 abortions; to provide for items to be retained in the medical record of each pregnant 9 woman upon whom an abortion is performed or induced; to provide for the content 10 of reports to the Department of Health and Hospitals by physicians concerning 11 abortions performed or induced; to provide for a task force on informational 12 materials to be delivered to women prior to abortion; to provide relative to a 13 definition; to provide relative to an effective date; and to provide for related matters. 14 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 15 Section 1. Children's Code Article 603(9) is hereby amended and reenacted to read 16 as follows: Art. 603. Definitions 17 18 As used in this Title: 19 20 (9) "Coerced abortion" means the use of force, intimidation, threat of force, 21 threat of deprivation of food and shelter, or the deprivation of food and shelter by a

parent or any other person in order to compel a female child to undergo an abortion

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1	against her will, whether or not the abortion procedure has been attempted or
2	completed.
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4	Section 2. R.S. 40:1299.35.12 is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
5	40:1299.35.5.2 and 1299.35.8(A)(6) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
6	§1299.35.5.2. Information on psychological impacts, illegal coercion, abuse, and
7	human trafficking required prior to abortion; task force on information
8	<u>resources</u>
9	A. The legislature hereby declares that women of this state have a right to
10	know that undergoing an abortion may have serious psychological impacts, including
11	severe emotional distress and mental and behavioral health afflictions.
12	B. At least twenty-four hours prior to undergoing an elective abortion as
13	defined in R.S. 40:1299.35.1, and as a condition for consent to the abortion to be
14	deemed voluntary and informed, the woman or minor female considering abortion
15	shall be given a copy of the printed materials described in this Section by the
16	physician who is to perform the abortion or a qualified person as defined in R.S.
17	40:1299.35.6(B)(4)(c), except in the case of medical emergency as provided in R.S.
18	40:1299.35.12.
19	C.(1) The physician or qualified person shall provide to the woman or minor
20	female seeking an abortion the printed materials required by this Section individually
21	and in a private room for the purpose of ensuring that she has an adequate
22	opportunity to ask questions and discuss her individual circumstances.
23	(2) The physician or qualified person shall obtain the signature of the woman
24	or minor female seeking an abortion on a form certifying that the printed materials
25	were given to the woman or minor female.
26	(3) In the case of a minor female considering an abortion, if a parent
27	accompanies the minor female to the appointment with the physician or qualified
28	person described in Subsection B of this Section, then the physician or qualified
29	person shall provide to the parent copies of the materials given to the female in
30	accordance with Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

1	(4) The signed certification form provided for in Paragraph (2) of this
2	Subsection shall be kept within the medical record of the woman or minor female
3	upon whom the abortion procedure was performed for a period of at least seven
4	<u>years.</u>
5	D. The department shall create printed materials and printable Internet-based
6	resources that provide all of the following:
7	(1)(a) Information, telephone numbers, and links to Internet websites of
8	nonprofit organizations that offer free and confidential access to mental health
9	professionals, social workers, and other trained counselors who serve women and
10	minor females who may experience psychological distress or other mental,
11	emotional, or behavioral health afflictions prior to undergoing an abortion.
12	(b) The department shall take such actions as are necessary to ensure that any
13	mental or behavioral health professional or other counselor to whom a woman or
14	minor female may be referred through the organizations listed in the materials
15	developed pursuant to this Paragraph meets all of the following criteria:
16	(i) Provides counseling services that objectively address the mental,
17	emotional, and behavioral health effects that may occur prior to an abortion.
18	(ii) Is not affiliated with an abortion provider.
19	(2)(a) Information, telephone numbers, and links to Internet websites of
20	nonprofit organizations that offer free and confidential access to mental health
21	professionals, social workers, and other trained counselors who serve women and
22	minor females who may experience psychological distress or other mental,
23	emotional, or behavioral health afflictions after undergoing an abortion.
24	(b) The department shall take such actions as are necessary to ensure that any
25	mental or behavioral health professional or other counselor to whom a woman or
26	minor female may be referred through the organizations listed in the materials
27	developed pursuant to this Paragraph meets all of the following criteria:
28	(i) Provides counseling services that objectively address the mental,
29	emotional, and behavioral health effects that may result from undergoing the
30	abortion procedure.

(3)(a) Information, telephone numbers, and links to Internet websites of nonprofit organizations that offer free and confidential access to mental health professionals, social workers, and other trained counselors who are trained in counseling women and minor females who experience coercion to obtain an abortion concerning the psychological impacts or other mental, emotional, or behavioral health afflictions that may result from experiencing coercion to obtain an abortion.

(b) The department shall take such actions as are necessary to ensure that any mental or behavioral health professional or other counselor to whom a woman or

- (b) The department shall take such actions as are necessary to ensure that any mental or behavioral health professional or other counselor to whom a woman or minor female may be referred through the organizations listed in the materials developed pursuant to this Paragraph meets all of the following criteria:
- (i) Provides counseling services that objectively address the mental, emotional, and behavioral health effects that may result from experiencing coercion to obtain an abortion.
 - (ii) Is not affiliated with an abortion provider.
- (c) The materials developed pursuant to this Paragraph shall clearly indicate that coerced abortion is defined in Louisiana law, Children's Code Article 603, as a form of abuse that seriously endangers the physical, mental, and emotional health and safety of a child.
- (4)(a) Information, telephone numbers, and links to Internet websites of nonprofit organizations that offer free and confidential access to mental health professionals, social workers, and other trained counselors for women and minor females who are victims of the crime of human trafficking or the crime of trafficking of children for sexual purposes.
- (b) The department shall take such actions as are necessary to ensure that any mental or behavioral health professional or other counselor to whom a woman or minor female may be referred through the organizations listed in the materials developed pursuant to this Paragraph meets all of the following criteria:

1	(i) Provides counseling services that objectively address the mental,
2	emotional, and behavioral health effects that may result from being a victim of
3	human trafficking or a victim of trafficking of children for sexual purposes.
4	(ii) Is not affiliated with an abortion provider.
5	(c) The materials developed pursuant to this Paragraph shall clearly indicate
6	all of the following:
7	(i) That victims of trafficking can be safe after their rescue from being
8	trafficked.
9	(ii) That Louisiana provides for assistance to victims of human trafficking,
10	as required by R.S. 46:2162 et seq.
11	(iii) That there are public and private agencies providing valuable assistance
12	to women and minor females who have been commercially and sexually exploited;
13	and that help available to victims of trafficking and other exploitation includes
14	housing assistance, education, job training, and drug addiction counseling.
15	(iv) That legal assistance is available to women and minor females seeking
16	to escape the sex trade, including assistance in vacating prior prostitution
17	convictions.
18	(v) That the crime of trafficking of children for sexual purposes is subject
19	to the mandatory reporting laws set forth in Children's Code Articles 603, 609, and
20	<u>610.</u>
21	(d) Any pamphlet developed pursuant to this Paragraph shall be known as
22	the "Point of Rescue" pamphlet.
23	E. The materials provided for in Subsection D of this Section shall be printed
24	in a typeface large enough to be clearly legible and shall be available at no cost from
25	the department upon request and in appropriate number to any person, facility, or
26	hospital. The department's website shall contain the content of the printed material,
27	a printable electronic image of the printed material, and information on ordering
28	printed materials. The department shall promulgate rules and regulations relative to
29	the methods of distribution of printed materials.

1	F. The governor shall convene a task force to assist the Department of Health
2	and Hospitals in the preparation of the printed and Internet materials provided for in
3	this Section. The task force shall be comprised of the following members:
4	(1) One psychologist licensed by the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of
5	Psychologists.
6	(2) One physician who is board certified as a psychiatrist and licensed by the
7	Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.
8	(3) One licensed clinical social worker licensed by the Louisiana State Board
9	of Social Work Examiners.
10	(4) Two Louisiana residents who provide pre-abortion or post-abortion
11	counseling in association with a nonprofit organization that does not counsel for or
12	provide abortion.
13	(5) Two attorneys licensed in Louisiana who specialize in advocacy for
14	women and minor females who are at risk of being coerced into or psychologically
15	harmed by abortion.
16	(6) The executive director of the Louisiana Human Trafficking Task Force.
17	(7) The executive director and the residential director of a residential
18	program for women who have been commercially and sexually exploited.
19	(8) Two members of the Senate appointed by the president.
20	(9) Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker.
21	(10) The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, who shall
22	serve as the chairperson of the task force.
23	G. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to conflict with or supercede
24	the requirement for mandatory reporting of child abuse provided in Children's Code
25	Article 603 et seq.
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HB NO. 1262 **ENROLLED** 1 §1299.35.8. Records 2 A. Each physician shall retain and make part of the medical record of each 3 pregnant woman upon whom an abortion is performed or induced, copies of the 4 following: 5 (6) The signed certification form provided for in R.S. 40:1299.35.5.2(C) 6 7 indicating that the woman or minor female acknowledged receipt of informational 8 materials concerning psychological impacts, illegal coercion, abuse, and human 9 trafficking. 10 11 §1299.35.12. Emergency 12 The provisions of R.S. 40:1299.35.2, 1299.35.4, 1299.35.5, and 1299.35.6 13 this Part shall not apply when a medical emergency compels the immediate 14 performance of an abortion because the continuation of the pregnancy poses an 15 immediate threat and grave risk to the life or permanent physical health of the 16 pregnant woman. Within twenty-four hours, the attending physician shall certify to 17 the emergency need for the abortion and shall enter such certification in the medical 18 record of the pregnant woman. 19 Section 3. The provisions of Section 2 of this Act requiring a physician or a qualified 20 person to provide required printed materials to a woman considering an abortion shall 21 become effective thirty days after the Department of Health and Hospitals publishes a notice 22 of the availability of such materials. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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