

Recorded vote of members of the Senate on HB 2749: Reporting reasons for each abortion performed



HB 2749: Medical care facilities and providers will report the reasons for each abortion performed at such facility or by such provider to the secretary of health and environment. Patients will be asked prior to the procedure which of the following reasons was the most important factor in such patient’s decision to seek an abortion: 1) having a baby would interfere with the patient’s education, employment or career; 2) the patient cannot provide for the child; 3) the patient already has enough, or too many, children; 4) the patient’s husband or partner is abusive to such patient or such patient’s children; 5) the patients husband or partner wants such patient to have an abortion; 6) the patient does not have enough support from family or others to raise a child; 7) the pregnancy is the result of rape; 8) the pregnancy is the result of incest; 9) the pregnancy threatens the patient’s physical health; 10) the pregnancy threatens the patient’s mental or emotional health; or 11) the child would have a disability. Additionally each report will include answers to the following questions 1) patient’s age; 2) patient’s marital status at the time of the abortion; 3) state or US territory of residence of the patient or, if not a resident of the US, the patient’s country of residence; 4) patient’s race; 5: highest level of education completed by patient; 6) whether, in the 30 days prior to the abortion, the patient received services, financial assistance, excluding financial assistance in obtaining an abortion, or other assistance from a nonprofit organization that supports pregnant women; 7: whether the patient reported having experienced domestic violence in the 12 months prior to the abortion; 8) whether the patient is living in a place that the patient considers to be safe, stable and affordable; 9) Whether a report of physical, mental or emotional abuse or neglect was made; 10) the method by which the abortion was performed on the patient.

802 Position: Opposed.

No person who is faced with the decision to end a pregnancy, regardless of the reason, should be subjected to the interrogation style questions that have no apparent purpose other than for “statically purposes”. Additionally, a passage in the bill calls for the information on the identity of the person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or the identity of any medical care facility that submits the report to remain confidential, but the name may be disclosed to the state board of healing arts upon request of the board for disciplinary action conducted by the board and to the attorney general or any district or county attorney in this state upon a showing that a reasonable cause exists to believe that a violation of this act has occurred. This is opens the door for the board of healing arts to sanction a provider’s license and the attorney general or district or county attorney to criminally prosecute the provider for preforming a legal procedure.

HB 2749	District	Hometown	Yes	No	Absent
Alley	32	Winfield	X		
Baumgardner	37	Louisburg	X		
Billinger	40	Goodland	X		
Blasi	27	Wichita	X		
Bowers	36	Concordia	X		
Claeys	24	Salina	X		
Corson	7	Prairie Village		X	
Dietrich	20	Topeka	X		
Doll	39	Garden City		X	
Erickson	30	Wichita	X		
Fagg	14	El Dorado	X		
Faust-Goudeau	29	Wichita		X	
Francisco	2	Lawrence		X	
Gossage	9	Eudora	X		
Haley	4	Kansas City		X	
Holland	3	Baldwin City		X	
Holscher	8	Overland Park		X	
Kerschen	26	Garden Plain	X		
Kloos	19	Berryton	X		

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Longbine	17	Emporia	X		
Masterson	16	Andover	X		
McGinn	31	Sedgwick		X	
O'Shea	18	Topeka	X		
Olson	23	Olathe	X		
Peck	15	Havana	X		
Petersen	28	Wichita	X		
Petty	6	Kansas City		X	
Pittman	5	Leavenworth		X	
Pyle	1	Hiawatha	X		
Reddi	22	Manhattan		X	
Ryckman	38	Meade	X		
Shallenburger	13	Baxter Springs	X		
Steffen	34	Hutchinson	X		
Straub	33	Ellinwood	X		
Sykes	21	Lenexa		X	
Thompson	10	Shawnee	X		
Tyson	12	Parker	X		
Ware	25	Wichita		X	
Warren	11	Leawood	X		
Wilborn	35	McPherson	X		