

1 unemancipated minor unless such physician has given or caused to be
2 given at least ~~twenty-four~~ forty-eight hours actual notice to one
3 of the parents or to the legal guardian of the pregnant minor of
4 his or her intention to perform the abortion, or, if the parent or
5 guardian cannot be found and notified after a reasonable effort ~~so~~
6 ~~to do~~ to do so, without first having given at least forty-eight
7 hours constructive notice computed from the time of mailing to the
8 parent or to the legal guardian of the minor: *Provided*, That prior
9 to giving the notification required by this section, the physician
10 shall advise the unemancipated minor of the right of petition to
11 the circuit court for waiver of notification: *Provided*, *however*,
12 That any such notification may be waived by a duly acknowledged
13 writing signed by a parent or the guardian of the minor.

14 (b) Upon notification being given to any parent or to the
15 legal guardian of such pregnant minor, the physician shall refer
16 such pregnant minor to a counselor or caseworker of any church or
17 school or of the Department of Health and Human ~~services~~ Resources
18 or of any other comparable agency for the purpose of arranging or
19 accompanying such pregnant minor in consultation with her parents.
20 Such counselor shall thereafter be authorized to monitor the
21 circumstances and the continued relationship of and between such
22 minor and her parents.

23 (c) Parental notification required by subsection (a) of this
24 section may be waived by a physician, other than the physician who

1 is to perform the abortion, if such other physician finds that the
2 minor is mature enough to make the abortion decision independently
3 or that notification would not be in the minor's best interest:
4 *Provided*, That such other physician shall not be associated
5 professionally or financially with the physician proposing to
6 perform the abortion.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require forty-eight hours notice to the parents of a minor seeking an abortion before performing the abortion. Current law requires a twenty-four hour notice.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.