

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2020 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 473**

BY SENATORS MAYNARD AND CLINE

[Introduced January 15, 2020; referred  
to the Committee on Health and Human Resources;  
and then to the Committee on the Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,  
 2 designated §16-2P-1, relating to requiring physicians to notify parents when prescribing  
 3 contraceptives to minors; and providing definitions.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 2P. PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF PRESCRIBED CONTRACETIVES.**

**§16-2P-1. Contraceptives; parental notice; definitions.**

1 (a) A physician located within this state shall provide parental notification when prescribing  
 2 a contraceptive to a minor.

3 (b) For the purposes of this section:

4 “Contraceptive” means a drug or device approved by the food and drug administration to  
 5 prevent pregnancy.

6 “Minor” means a person under the age of 18 years who has not graduated from high  
 7 school.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require physicians to notify parents when prescribing contraceptives to minors. The bill provides definitions.

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