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Introduced

Senate Bill 527

By Senators Maynard, Rucker, Taylor, and Karnes

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to the Committee on Health and Human Resources]

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 2S. PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF PRESCRIBED CONTRACEPTIVES.

§16-2S-1. Contraceptives; parental notice; definitions.

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

(b) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "Contraceptive" means a drug or device approved by the Food and Drug Administration to prevent pregnancy.

(2) "Minor" means a person under the age of 18 years who has not graduated from high 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.