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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 370

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 370 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Youth
5 Health and Safety Act.

6 Section 5. Findings and declaration of policy. The General
7 Assembly finds, determines, and declares the following:

8 (1) In 2019, the State of Illinois enacted the
9 Reproductive Health Act to establish and affirm the
10 fundamental right of all individuals in our State to make
11 their own decisions about their reproductive health care
12 without government interference.

13 (2) Illinois' support of reproductive health care
14 stood in stark contrast to actions in other states aimed
15 at limiting, and even banning, access to reproductive
16 health care, including abortion care. The Reproductive

1 Health Act further established Illinois as a bulwark in
2 the protection of access to reproductive health care in
3 the Midwest. The pace of attacks on the fundamental right
4 of individuals to make autonomous decisions about their
5 lives has accelerated dangerously since 2019.

6 (3) So far in calendar year 2021, 47 states considered
7 severe abortion restrictions, including 10 bans in direct
8 conflict with the basic guarantees contained in Roe v.
9 Wade and the protections codified under the Reproductive
10 Health Act. Additionally, the Supreme Court of the United
11 States is being asked to overturn the holding in Roe v.
12 Wade in a case concerning an abortion ban in Mississippi,
13 a development threatening to leave millions of Americans
14 without access to abortion care.

15 (4) These attacks reached their zenith with the
16 passage of an abortion ban in Texas that deputized
17 individuals across the country to act as "bounty hunters"
18 allowing for lawsuits against physicians providing
19 abortion care to people who are pregnant and others
20 helping those seeking that care.

21 (5) Illinois again is called to be an example for the
22 nation in the protection of reproductive health care while
23 also working to establish healthy family communications,
24 protecting the health and safety of youth including those
25 who are pregnant and parenting, and investing in
26 individuals throughout their lives.

1 (6) It is in the public policy interest of the State to
2 ensure that Illinois residents, and individuals coming to
3 the State of Illinois to access reproductive health care,
4 are safe and free from barriers to access, including, but
5 not limited to, medically unnecessary waiting periods,
6 bans on particular reproductive health procedures, and
7 restrictions or legal threats when accessing reproductive
8 health care. The State of Illinois recognizes it is not
9 the role of government to deny access to reproductive
10 health care for its residents and those traveling to the
11 State to access healthcare, especially those who are
12 traveling to the State of Illinois because of the
13 implementation of severe abortion restrictions in their
14 home states. It is also in the public policy interest of
15 the State to protect and support providers of reproductive
16 health care and ensure that there are no penalties
17 targeting providers, and individuals who support or aide
18 those seeking reproductive health care in Illinois. The
19 State of Illinois also opposes criminal litigation
20 directed at those who provide healthcare or support to
21 individuals traveling from states with such laws.

22 (7) The Youth Health and Safety Act seeks to restate
23 Illinois' commitment to full and equitable access to
24 reproductive health care for all persons across the State,
25 without barriers based on race or ethnicity, immigration
26 status, age, geographic location, economic means,

1 education level, or other categories of identity. The Act
2 confirms that Illinois will not move backwards and will
3 continue to assure that reproductive rights are protected
4 and recognized.

5 Section 10. The Youth Health and Safety Advisory Working
6 Group; duties and responsibilities.

7 (a) The Youth Health and Safety Advisory Working Group is
8 created for the purpose of identifying and reviewing laws and
9 regulations that impact pregnant and parenting youth and youth
10 that may become pregnant or a parent. The working group shall
11 identify existing and needed resources for pregnant and
12 parenting youth, and youth seeking reproductive healthcare. In
13 this Act, "youth" means an individual under 18 years of age.

14 The working group shall prepare and make public a report
15 that details available information and makes recommendations
16 as necessary.

17 (b) The working group shall identify laws and regulations
18 that impact pregnant and parenting youth, or that may impact a
19 pregnant or parenting youth, and provide information and
20 resources on topics related to healthcare, including, but not
21 limited to the following:

22 (1) consent to medical care, including what healthcare
23 and treatments are available, and access to confidential
24 treatment and care;

25 (2) pregnancy, abortion, adoption, and parenting;

1 (3) counseling services, including, but not limited
2 to, reproduction and sexual health, pregnancy and
3 post-pregnancy, mental health, family, and parenting;

4 (4) emancipation; and

5 (5) insurance coverage.

6 (c) The working group shall identify and provide
7 information and resources that encourage and support open
8 communication and conversation between youth and their
9 families and other trusted people in their lives, including,
10 but not limited to, counseling services, classes and
11 workshops, talk and text-lines, online and social media
12 options, tools targeted to parents and adults, and tools
13 targeted to youth.

14 (d) The working group shall identify and provide
15 information and resources for pregnant and parenting youth
16 related to education, employment, housing, food access, and
17 child care.

18 Section 15. Membership; meetings.

19 (a) The members of the working group shall include and
20 represent the diversity of the people of Illinois, and shall
21 be composed of the following:

22 (1) Four members appointed by the Senate President,
23 with at least 2 youth.

24 (2) Two members appointed by the Minority Leader of
25 the Senate, with at least one youth.

1 (3) Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House
2 of Representatives, with at least 2 youth.

3 (4) Two members appointed by the Minority Leader of
4 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, with at least
5 one youth.

6 (5) One State Representative appointed by the Speaker
7 of the House of Representatives.

8 (6) One State Representative appointed by the Minority
9 Leader of the House of Representatives.

10 (7) One State Senator appointed by the President of
11 the Senate.

12 (8) One State Senator appointed by the Minority Leader
13 of the Senate.

14 (9) Four members appointed by the Governor, with at
15 least 2 youth.

16 (b) Appointments for the working group shall be made on or
17 before August 31, 2022.

18 (c) Members shall serve without compensation.

19 (d) The Department of Public Health shall provide
20 administrative support to the working group.

21 Section 20. Report; dissolution. The working group shall
22 issue a report based upon its findings. The report shall be
23 submitted to the Governor and General Assembly no later than
24 July 1, 2023.

1 Section 25. Repeal. This Act is repealed on January 1,
2 2024.

3 Section 90. Public Act 89-18, approved June 1, 1995, as
4 amended, is repealed."