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There are portions of this bill that are positive. However I must voice my concern for giving a 15 year old the authority to make such life changing decisions. I have worked with teenagers all my life and they are not ready for these kind of choices plus they are very influenced by their peers. For any other purpose they are not legally adults until they are 18 years old.

Section 8 109.640 #2 states a minor 15 years or older can give consent without consent of parent or guardian to abortion or contraception. That is totally UNACCEPTABLE.

Section 11 436.225 I feel again that anyone under 18 years old should not be able to consent to sterilization without parental consent.

Section 14 Student Health Centers should not provide enrolled students emergency contraception and medication abortions if under 18 years old.

Section 20 No one under 18 years old should be allowed to undergo gender affirming treatment. Their consent nor parents for the procedure as this is certainly permanent. We do not require nor want rural FQHC's for abortion.

Repealing the crime of concealing the birth of an infant should not be done. This is a gateway to concealing abuse or even murder of an infant.