



**Parental Notification Act
(Bill S.2911-Murray/A.3398-DeStefano)
Memorandum of Support**

Bill S.2911-Murray/A.3398-DeStefano would require that a parent be notified at least 48 hours before an abortion is performed upon a non-emancipated minor. The legislation provides exceptions in medical emergencies, in situations where a custodial parent certifies that he or she has received the required notification, and in cases where a minor seeking an abortion has obtained a court order waiving the notice requirement.

The bill memorandum notes that “parents are required by law to give permission when their minor child has a tooth drilled or bone x-rayed, but they do not even have to be notified when their daughter is pregnant and considering the invasive surgery of abortion. Surely, parents have a right to know of a medical decision that could affect their daughter physically and emotionally for the rest of her life.” The bill memorandum also asserts that in Minnesota, a significant decrease in teen pregnancies occurred following the passage of a similar law.

According to the Guttmacher Institute, 36 states require some form of parental notification or consent before an abortion is performed upon a minor.¹ To protect the health and well-being of young people, New York should join the majority of U.S. states by requiring that a parent be informed before a minor child undergoes an abortion procedure.

¹ See <https://www.guttmacher.org/state-policy/explore/parental-involvement-minors-abortions>, last accessed April 24, 2023.