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HB 2002 is an egregious expansion of abortion. I resolutely oppose it. It purports to treat children as adults (requiring a girl's written consent to advise her parents)—ridiculous. It strips parents of their rights (same example) and also wouldn't require a teacher, physician, pharmacist, or other person in the child's life to notify parents of procedures done or medications dispensed. It repeals the crime of "concealing the birth of an infant" thus protecting pedophiles who get a girl pregnant, shielding the abuser(s), and again robbing parents of notification. It opens up healthcare providers, teachers, or anyone else, to lawsuits if they tell the parents about a child's abortion without the written consent of the child. Children are not ready to make their own decisions about abortion, or gender-bending, or any sexual activity yet. Not bringing these matters to parents' attention immediately is child abuse, callous, and extremely problematic. These are family matters. The government does not own our children.

The rule should be, "If you see something, say something". Not. "Keep your mouth shut". This bill would underwrite extreme viewpoint discrimination. (It makes praying at an abortion clinic a crime.)

Would spend more tax-payer funds for abortion on college—and maybe high school—campuses and does not stipulate any support for healthcare providers who're saving lives. Wrong!

The stipulation that financial awards in a lawsuit would be awarded only to plaintiffs is patently one-sided and in stark contrast to our legal system. Losers should pay winners, regardless of whether the winner of a lawsuit is an abortion provider or not. This one-sided mandate would encourage frivolous lawsuits and burden our courts. There is a great deal more wrong with this bill, but I'll end my submission with DON'T PASS THIS BILL! DON'T LET IT MOVE FORWARD!