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> To provide for parental notification and intervention in the case of an unemancipated minor seeking an abortion.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BRAUN (for himself, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. COTTON, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ROUNDS, Ms. ERNST, Mr. MORAN, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, and Mr. SCOTT of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

- To provide for parental notification and intervention in the case of an unemancipated minor seeking an abortion.
- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the "Parental Notification

5 and Intervention Act".

6 SEC. 2. PARENTAL NOTIFICATION.

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for any per8 son or organization in or affecting interstate or foreign
9 commerce or who solicits or accepts Federal funds to per-

1 form any abortion on an unemancipated minor under the
2 age of 18, to permit the facilities of the person or organi3 zation to be used to perform any abortion on such a minor,
4 or to assist in the performance of any abortion on such
5 a minor if the person or organization has failed to comply
6 with all of the following requirements:

7 (1) The provision of written notification to the 8 parents (as defined in subsection (f)) of the minor 9 informing the parents that an abortion has been re-10 quested for the minor, except that such notification 11 is not required for a parent if the physician is pre-12 sented with documentation showing with a reason-13 able degree of certainty that a court of record in the 14 minor's State of residence has waived any parental 15 notification. The court of record shall not waive any 16 parental notification requirement unless there is 17 clear and convincing evidence of physical abuse of 18 the minor by such parent.

(2) Compliance with a 96-hour waiting periodafter notice has been received by the parents.

21 (3) Compliance with any injunction granted22 under section 3 relating to the abortion.

(b) FINE FOR VIOLATION.—Whoever willfully violates
subsection (a) shall be fined not more than \$100,000 or

1 imprisoned not more than one year, or both, for each viola-2 tion.

3 (c) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply with
4 respect to an unemancipated minor for whom an abortion
5 is sought if a physician (other than the physician with
6 principal responsibility for making the decision to perform
7 the abortion) makes a determination that—

8 (1) a medical emergency exists which, with rea-9 sonable medical certainty, so complicates the medical 10 condition of the minor that the death of the minor 11 would result from the failure to immediately treat 12 her physical condition even though the treatment 13 may result in the death of her unborn child;

14 (2) parental notification is not possible as a re-15 sult of the medical emergency; and

16 (3) certifications regarding compliance with
17 paragraphs (1) and (2) have been entered in the
18 medical records of the minor, together with the rea19 sons upon which the determinations are based, in20 cluding a statement of relevant clinical findings.

(d) PARENTAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—For
purposes of this section, any parental notification provided
to comply with the provisions of subsection (a) for a parent shall be—

25 (1) delivered personally to the parent; or

1	(2) provided through certified mail in accord-
2	ance with all of the following procedures:
3	(A) The certified mail is addressed to the
4	parent.
5	(B) The address used is the dwelling or
6	usual place of abode of the parent.
7	(C) A return receipt is requested.
8	(D) The delivery is restricted to the par-
9	ent.
10	(e) LIMITATION.—A mother seeking an abortion, or
11	upon whom an abortion is performed, may not be found

12 liable for a violation of this section.

(f) PARENT DEFINED TO INCLUDE LEGAL GUARD14 IAN.—For purposes of this Act, the term "parent" in15 cludes, with respect to an unemancipated minor, any legal
16 guardian of the minor.

17 SEC. 3. PARENTAL INTERVENTION.

18 Any parent required to be notified pursuant to sec-19 tion 2 regarding an abortion of an unemancipated minor may bring an action in the Federal district court where 20 the parent resides or where the unemancipated minor is 21 22 located to enjoin the performance of the abortion. The court shall issue a temporary injunction barring the per-23 24 formance of the abortion until the issue has been adjudicated and the judgment is final. The court shall issue 25

relief permanently enjoining the abortion unless the court
 determines that granting such relief would be unlawful.

3 SEC. 4. PREEMPTION.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed to preempt any
provision of State law to the extent that such State law
establishes, implements, or continues in effect greater parental notification requirements or intervention rights regarding abortion than those provided under this Act.

9 SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SEVERABILITY.

10 (a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The provisions of this Act11 shall take effect upon its enactment.

(b) SEVERABILITY.—The provisions of this Act shall
be severable. If any provision of this Act, or any application thereof, is found unconstitutional, that finding shall
not affect any provision or application of the Act not so
adjudicated.

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