



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

held by

House Health and Human Resources Committee

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

3:00 PM

Location: LP 16

The full Committee will hold a public hearing on legislation related to reproductive health.

Bills to be discussed **(see descriptions below) :**

- *HJR 0061 by *Fincher
- *HJR 0066 by *Maggart, Rich
- *HJR 0088 by *Curtiss
- *HJR 0132 by *Camper
- *HB 0025 by *Hardaway
- *HB 0436 by *Shiple
- *HB 0445 by *Maddox
- *HB 0638 by *Maggart, Lynn
- *HB 0807 by *Campfield
- *HB 0819 by *Campfield
- *HB 0862 by *Mumpower
- *HB 2106 by *Fincher
- *HB 2204 by *Maddox

HJR 0061 JUDICIARY: Constitution - right to abortion.

Adds new provision to Article I to provide that nothing in Constitution of Tennessee secures or protects right to abortion or requires the funding of an abortion except in cases involving rape, incest, or health of the mother. (H: [Fincher](#))

HJR 0066 JUDICIARY: Constitution - right to abortion.

Adds new provision to Article I to provide that nothing in Constitution of Tennessee secures or protects right to abortion or requires the funding of an abortion. (H: [Maggart](#))

HJR 0088 JUDICIARY: Constitutional amendment - right to or funding of abortion.

Adds new provision to Article I to provide that nothing in Constitution of Tennessee secures or protects the right to abortion or requires the funding of an abortion. Gives the legislature the authority to enact, amend, or repeal statutes regarding abortion, including circumstances of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest or when necessary to save the life of the mother. (H: [Curtiss](#))

HJR 0132 HEALTH CARE: Constitutional amendment - vasectomy rights of married men.

Adds new provision to Article I of the state constitution to provide that nothing in the constitution secures or protects right to a vasectomy. (H: [Camper](#))

HB0025 - FAMILY LAW: Paternity testing for birth certificates.

Requires paternity testing before a father can be listed on a birth certificate. Requires department of human services to pay the costs of the paternity tests for parties who are financially unable to pay. Broadly captioned. (S: [Jackson](#); H: [Hardaway](#))

HB0436 - HEALTH CARE: Standards for ambulatory surgical treatment centers.

Requires that any physician's office that performs abortions be classified as an ambulatory surgical treatment centers. Requires the department of health, through the board for licensing health care facilities, to promulgate rules and regulations that contain certain minimum standards for the maintenance and operation of ambulatory surgical treatment centers. (S: [Beavers](#); H: [Shiple](#))

HB0445 - CRIMINAL LAW: Informed consent for abortions.

Requires that the informed written consent of the woman be obtained prior to an abortion, providing for 24-hour period of reflection after the woman receives the information needed for an informed consent. Establishes requirements for a physician or other health care professional to follow in order to obtain informed consent from the woman. Establishes an exception to informed consent and waiting period requirements when necessary to protect the life or health of the woman. (S: [Herron](#); H: [Maddox](#))

HB0638 - FAMILY LAW: Viable human fetus as victim of child abuse.

Revised definition of "child" to include a viable fetus of a human being for purposes of child abuse and aggravated child abuse offenses. (S: [Burchett](#); H: [Maggart](#))

HB0807 - HEALTH CARE: Stillborn deaths to be placed in vital records.

Requires each fetal death, 500 or more grams or 22 or more completed weeks of gestation, to be placed in vital records. Gives parents the option of naming the stillborn child on such records. (S: [Bunch](#); H: [Campfield](#))

HB0819 - HEALTH CARE: Death certificate to be issued for abortions.

Requires a death certificate to be filed with the office of vital records for each abortion performed in the state. Requires death certificate to state that the fetal death was due to an abortion. (S: [Bunch](#); H: [Campfield](#))

HB0862 - FAMILY LAW: Inception of human life.

Defines "inception of human life" to mean the moment of human conception. (S: [Gresham](#); H: [Mumpower](#))

HB2106 - FAMILY LAW: Tennessee Pregnant Women Support Act.

Authorizes the department of health to apply for federal grants to fund the collection of data regarding the number of abortions performed in this state, the characteristics of those seeking abortions, the reasons why women choose abortion, or any other information applicable to supporting pregnant women in this state who may be seeking an abortion. Requires the department of health to create a hotline as well as pamphlets for doctors' offices to provide interested women with information about public and private health care services available to women during and after the birth of a child. (S: [Herron](#); H: [Fincher](#))

HB2204 - CRIMINAL LAW: Abortion - informed consent, third trimester abortions.

Requires that the informed written consent of the woman be obtained prior to an abortion, providing for 24-hour period of reflection after the woman receives the information needed for an informed consent. Establishes requirements for a physician or other health care professional to follow in order to obtain informed consent from the woman. Establishes an exception to informed consent and waiting period requirements when necessary to protect the life or health of the woman. (S: [Herron](#); H: [Maddox](#))