



informed about pregnancy, fetal development, abortion risks and consequences, and abortion alternatives, and should also endeavor to verify that the minor is seeking an abortion of her own free will and is not acting under intimidation, threats, abuse, undue pressure, or extortion by any other persons.

Proposed law retains present law but changes the permissive provisions to mandatory and requires that the evaluation and counseling session endeavor to ascertain whether the minor is the subject of a coerced abortion or the pregnancy is the result of sexual activity constituting a crime under the laws of this state or the result of commercial sexual exploitation of the minor child.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that if the court finds, by preponderance of the evidence, that the minor is a victim of coerced abortion, sexual crimes against the child, or commercial sexual exploitation under the laws of this state, the court shall issue any appropriate temporary restraining orders to protect the minor child.

Proposed law provides that any person, other than the minor, found guilty of defrauding the parents of parental consent or fraudulently assisting the minor in obtaining an abortion without parental consent shall be subject to a fine of \$1,000 and imprisoned for not more than two years, if he does any of the following with the intent to avoid the parental consent requirements:

- (1) Falsely claims to be the lawful mother, father, legal guardian, or tutor of an unemancipated minor seeking abortion where an abortion is authorized based upon parental consent.
- (2) Falsely signs an affidavit claiming to be a person authorized to consent for a minor where an abortion is authorized based upon parental consent.

Present law provides that each physician shall retain and make part of the medical record of each pregnant woman upon whom an abortion is performed or induced, including a parental consent form for the abortion or a copy of the court order.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that the physician also maintain a copy of the valid and unexpired driver's license or government issued identification card of the individual giving parental consent on behalf of the minor for the abortion.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 40:1061.14(A) and (A)(1) and (B)(3)(b) and (4), and 1061.19(A)(2); adds R.S. 40:1061.14.1)