

Senate Bill 284

By: Senator McKoon of the 29th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 15-11-684 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 the conduct of a hearing for the petition of an unemancipated minor seeking a waiver of the
3 parental notification requirement for an abortion, so as to provide for clear and convincing
4 evidence as the proper standard of proof; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Code Section 15-11-684 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the conduct
8 of a hearing for the petition of an unemancipated minor seeking a waiver of the parental
9 notification requirement for an abortion, is amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:

10 "(c) The requirements of subparagraph (a)(1)(A), (a)(1)(B), or (a)(1)(C) of Code Section
11 15-11-682 shall be waived if the court finds by clear and convincing evidence either:

12 (1) That the unemancipated minor is mature enough and well enough informed to make
13 the abortion decision in consultation with her physician, independently of the wishes of
14 such minor's parent or guardian; or

15 (2) That the notice to a parent or, if the unemancipated minor is subject to guardianship,
16 the legal guardian pursuant to Code Section 15-11-682 would not be in the best interests
17 of such minor."

18 SECTION 2.

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.