

**ACT No. 482**

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 357

BY REPRESENTATIVES CREWS AND EDMONDS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1061.14(B)(1) and 1061.21(A)(introductory paragraph), (4),  
3 (5)(b), and (D) and to enact R.S. 40:1061.21(A)(5)(c), relative to reporting of  
4 information in connection with abortions performed in this state; to provide for a  
5 judicial bypass order; to provide requirements for information to be included in  
6 individual reports on abortions performed or induced; to provide for collection of  
7 certain information concerning minors who undergo abortions; to provide  
8 requirements for information to be included in annual statistical reports of abortion-  
9 related data issued by the Louisiana Department of Health; and to provide for related  
10 matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 40:1061.14(B)(1) and 1061.21(A)(introductory paragraph), (4),  
13 (5)(b), and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1061.21(A)(5)(c) is hereby  
14 enacted to read as follows:

15 §1061.14. Minors

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17 B. The following provisions shall apply to all applications for court orders  
18 by minors seeking abortions and appeals from denials of applications:

19 (1) Jurisdiction to hear applications shall be in the court having juvenile  
20 jurisdiction in the parish ~~where the abortion is to be performed or the parish in which~~  
21 the minor is domiciled. Jurisdiction to hear an application or appeal shall be  
22 extended to a court having juvenile jurisdiction in a contiguous parish if either of the  
23 following conditions is met:

1                   (a) The minor's parent or guardian is a presiding judge of the juvenile court  
2                   in the parish in which the minor is domiciled.

3                   (b) The parish in which the minor is domiciled has a population of less than  
4                   ten thousand persons according to the latest federal decennial census.

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6                   §1061.21. Reports

7                   A. An individual abortion report for each abortion performed or induced  
8                   shall be completed by the attending physician. The report shall be confidential and  
9                   shall not contain the name or address of the woman. The report shall include all of  
10                  the following:

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12                  (4) The parish and ~~municipality~~ zip code, if any, in which the pregnant  
13                  woman resides.

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15                  (5)

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17                  (b) If the pregnant woman is a minor, the report shall include all of the  
18                  following:

19                  (i)(aa) A notation of whether the abortion was performed pursuant to either  
20                  notarized parental consent or a judicial bypass order as provided for in R.S.  
21                  40:1061.14.

22                  (bb) If the abortion was performed pursuant to a judicial bypass order as  
23                  provided for in R.S. 40:1061.14, the report shall indicate the judicial district of the  
24                  court that issued the order.

25                  (ii) A notation indicating whether or not the physician or any other staff  
26                  member of the abortion facility suspected that the minor was the victim of any form  
27                  of child abuse or neglect and filed a report of such abuse or neglect in accordance  
28                  with Children's Code Article 610.



1            feature, at minimum, a compilation of the information required by the provisions of  
2            Paragraph (A)(5) of this Section to be included in individual abortion reports.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_