



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 1214 – Maryland Child Protection Act

Hearing Date: March 3, 2022

Position: Oppose

The Maryland Affiliate of American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) opposes *House Bill 1214 – Maryland Child Protection Act* because the bill would endanger minors. The bill prohibits an individual, including a health care provider, from assisting a minor of any age in obtaining abortion care without a parent’s consent. The bill also contains a provision that may conflict with existing reporting requirements regarding sexual abuse. The bill requires a physician to obtain a fetal tissue sample for DNA evaluation under requirements from the Department of Health.

This bill is dangerous to minors because it would drive them away from the health care system in seeking abortion care. It would also endanger minors at risk for pregnancy-related health complications if they must carry a pregnancy to term because a parent would not consent.

We ask for an unfavorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.