



**Committee:** House Health and Government Operations Committee

**Bill:** House Bill 373 – Health - Abortion Data - Submission to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

**Hearing Date:** February 27, 2025

**Position:** Oppose

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The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNN) strongly opposes *House Bill 373 – Health – Abortion Data – Submission to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*. The bill would require the Maryland Department of Health to submit *any* data requested about abortion requested by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention unless prohibited by state or federal law.

In this current environment, the federal Department of Government Efficiency is accessing data from multiple federal agencies without legal clearance or legal protocols. We are gravely concerned about the collection and disclosure of any reproductive health data. With attempts by almost half the states to ban abortion, the risk to patients and providers is simply too high. There are other reliable sources of data, such as the Society for Family Planning's We Count Studies, which provide data for public health research.

We ask for an unfavorable report. If any additional information would be helpful, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net).