
Planned Parenthood of Maryland

Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill: Senate Bill 485 - Public Health – Women’s Health Care Data - Report

Hearing: February 19, 2026

Planned Parenthood of Maryland (PPM) would like to go on record clarifying some points related to SB 485 - Public Health – Women’s Health Care Data - Report.

Planned Parenthood of Maryland supports data informed decision-making; however, the organization would like to provide facts about abortion and counter the stigmatizing language contained within the legislation.

- Medication abortions are 92% to 98% effective, depending on the gestational age of the pregnancy and provided medications are taken as instructed. ([NIH](#))
- In-clinic abortions are effective more than 99% of the time. ([National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine](#))
- **Only about 2% of abortions nationwide are estimated to result in complications, and most of these complications are considered minor.** Minor complications include pain, bleeding, infection and post-anesthesia complications ([StatPearls](#))
- **Claims regarding abortion “reversal” treatment are not based on science and do not meet clinical standards** ([The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists](#)) There is no proven, safe way to reverse a medication abortion.
- Costs for abortions in the State are not hidden; abortion providers are not interested in hiding information from State officials. However, unfortunately as the health care we provide becomes increasingly stigmatized and threatened, abortion providers must be concerned about efforts to deepen scrutiny and policing of abortion care.

Thank you for your consideration. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Vice President of Public Affairs, Erin Bradley, at erin.bradley@ppm.care.