

SB13 Analysis

Message: SB13, despite its misleading name, primarily aims to protect an industry that causes harm. This bill, in conjunction with HB7, provides protections for abortions and transgender interventions, while violating freedom of speech, parents' rights, separation of powers, and enabling predatory activities.

Summary:

- (1) SB13 infringes upon freedom of speech by suppressing electronic pro-life speech that discourages seeking, providing, or receiving abortions or transgender interventions.
- (2) The bill lacks age restrictions and parental notification requirements for minors to receive these services, allowing providers to perform procedures without parental involvement.
- (3) SB13 violates the separation of powers between states, impeding the enforcement of subpoenas or court judgments from other states.
- (4) The bill shields individuals assisting those seeking, receiving, or providing these protected activities, potentially enabling predatory actions.

Break it down and understand:

- (1) Section 6(B) of the bill restricts pro-life communicative activities aimed at deterring abortions, which raises constitutional concerns regarding the freedom of speech.
- (2) The absence of age requirements and parental notification makes children vulnerable, as school-based health clinics can facilitate procedures without parental knowledge or consent.
- (3) Section 3(A) impedes interstate investigations or proceedings related to "protected health care activity," potentially violating constitutional principles and hampering cooperation between states.
- (4) Section 2(B) includes broad definitions of "protected health care activity" and "assisting," lacking exceptions for minors, coercion, or mental health issues. This could expose vulnerable individuals, including minors and trafficking victims, to predatory activities.

For a comprehensive understanding of the bill, it is important to review the actual text available in the provided link.

