

The other one is Senator Hall's reference that this should apply to all schools, not just public schools. It is drafted this way because, traditionally, when I offer amendments to bills involving the schools, people from the private schools indicate that because they are not totally regulated by the state, they prefer to be kept out, so it has gotten to be my habit to make things just apply only to public schools, but I have no problem with that amendment. If you remember, in my ending of my introduction of this amendment, I said a couple of things. This bill applies to young people. How are they going to be notified? I have a potential answer to that question by having the schools do it. I'd be interested in hearing what the proponents of 425, the opponents of this amendment, would propose. So I listened very closely to Senator Labeledz' answer to that question. I heard two things, both of them are disturbing. Number one, she said Planned Parenthood will do it. I don't know if we are going to give any money to Planned Parenthood to carry out this function or not. I say that very facetiously. She said Planned Parenthood will take care of it. Well, I doubt if Planned Parenthood will. She is right, Planned Parenthood may, in fact, do a lot to inform young people of the judicial bypass provisions, but I doubt if they do very much in informing young people that the Legislature has passed a law that is going to require them to notify their parents when they seek an abortion. Again, I hope the idea of this bill, 425, and 425 has been a bill that I am wishy-washy on. I am not one of these people that says, yes, I am for it, or I am 100 percent against it. I go back and forth on this bill, probably ten times in a day when I am thinking about it. It is a tough bill for me, but the proponents of the bill are saying that they want to see this bill passed to discourage young women from getting pregnant. The second answer Senator Labeledz gave then is most troubling to me because she says that when they go for an abortion, they will then be notified of the judicial bypass procedure, and that is soon enough. When they go for an abortion, this is after a young woman has had unprotected sex, probably coerced into it by some young gentleman trying to prove his manhood, and the young woman is frightened to death, she is on her own, and that that is the time then when she finds out about this bill. She goes into the doctor and the doctor says, ah ha, got you, got you. I can't perform an abortion on you now. You have either got to go to the court or go to your parents. That is when they find out. Is that even humanistic? I don't think so. All I am asking for by this amendment is that the young woman will be notified of what these provisions are.