

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2024 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 527**

By Senators Maynard, Rucker, Taylor, and Karnes

[Introduced January 23, 2024; referred  
to the Committee on Health and Human Resources]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,  
 2 designated §16-2S-1, relating to requiring physicians to notify parents when prescribing  
 3 contraceptives to minors; and providing definitions.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 2S. PARENTAL NOTIFICATION OF PRESCRIBED CONTRACEPTIVES.**

**§16-2S-1. Contraceptives; parental notice; definitions.**

1 (a) A physician located within this state shall provide parental notification when prescribing  
 2 a contraceptive to a minor.

3 (b) For the purposes of this section:

4 (1) "Contraceptive" means a drug or device approved by the Food and Drug Administration  
 5 to prevent pregnancy.

6 (2) "Minor" means a person under the age of 18 years who has not graduated from high  
 7 school.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require physicians to notify parents when prescribing contraceptives to minors. The bill provides definitions.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.