

HB 5615 – The Reproductive Justice and Access Act VOTE YES

**Rep. Currie - Mulligan - Jakobsson - Coulson - Feigenholtz
Hamos, Nekritz, May, Howard, Lang, Yarbrough, Harris, Miller, Collins,
Hernandez, Boland, Lindner, Soto, Fritchey, Krause, Turner, Osterman,
Berrios, Mendoza and Ryg**

The Reproductive Justice and Access Act protects the individual decisions we all make when it comes to having or not having a child. The Act addresses the need of individuals to have access to the information they need to make informed decisions. The Act respects the right of individuals to make the personal and private medical decisions which are best for themselves and their families.

The Reproductive Justice and Access Act declares:

all individuals should have appropriate and necessary access to the full range of reproductive education, including comprehensive sexual health education;

all individuals should have appropriate and necessary access to healthcare and services, including but not limited to:

- *prenatal care;*
- *adoption;*
- *contraceptive care, including timely access to emergency contraception;*
- *pregnancy termination;*
- *and screening and treatment for sexually transmitted infections.*

The Reproductive Justice and Access Act ensures choice, opportunity, access and equity by prohibiting government entities from:

- *Denying or interfering with an individual's right to use or refuse contraception;*
- *Denying or interfering with a pregnant woman's right to bear a child;*
- *Denying or interfering with a pregnant woman's right to terminate a pregnancy either prior to the viability of the fetus or when the abortion is necessary to protect the life or health of the pregnant woman;*
- *Requiring any woman to terminate pregnancy without her consent.*

The Reproductive Justice and Access Act protects the fundamental rights created by *Roe v. Wade*.

The Reproductive Justice and Access Act protects individuals from financial discrimination by ensuring that individuals eligible for state Medicaid assistance, or other state medical assistance, receive financial assistance for reproductive healthcare at least to the same extent as other comparable services.

The Reproductive Justice and Access Act protects women's health and safety by requiring that pregnancy terminations be performed in accordance with accepted standards of medical practice, by the method that, in the clinical judgment of the attending medical professional, will best serve the interests of the pregnant patient.

The Reproductive Justice and Access Act protects young women and men by requiring that Illinois public schools offer medically accurate, age appropriate, comprehensive sexual health education.

The Reproductive Justice and Access Act protects both patients and health care professionals by allowing individual health care professionals to object to providing certain services while still ensuring that patients receive timely, accurate and complete information about the patient's care options.

WE SUPPORT HB 5615

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