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child when I went through this.”

Progress Florida contends the judicial waiver requirement forces teenagers to go through a court process that may be “intimidating” for them, the group’s spokesperson Amy Weintraub said.

“It requires multiple visits to your local courthouse. It means you have to interface with attorneys, court clerks, judges. That’s not something most Florida teenagers are used to or would want to try out,” she added.

But if minors find the court process intimidating and difficult to navigate on their own, how does Weintraub suppose they would find the abortion process and all of the physical, mental, and emotional components of it?

Mat Staver, chairman of the pro-life, pro-family group Liberty Counsel, said Florida’s law offers vital protections for minors.

“Parental consent laws help prevent young girls from making a hasty, uninformed decision to abort their unborn babies,” he added. “There is no such thing as a safe abortion, and these laws help protect the lives of girls and unborn children.”

As observed by Life News, parental consent laws actually protect young women, despite the dogma from the pro-abortion lobby. Life News writes,

They help [young victims of sexual abuse who may be forced or coerced into an abortion by their abuser](#). The laws also help protect vulnerable teens from making a hasty, uninformed decision to abort their unborn babies — something they may later regret. [Research shows](#) that these laws help save unborn babies from abortions.

Florida is among dozens of states that require some sort of parental involvement in abortions for minors. And despite opposition to such laws from the abortion lobby, they have significant support among voters. In a poll conducted by Florida Politics earlier this year, 63 percent of Floridians approved of the measure requiring parental approval. According to a 2011 Gallup poll, 71 percent of respondents favored parental-consent laws for minors.

The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops [lauded](#) the legislation as a “commonsense measure” that “simply holds abortion to the same consent requirements as most every other medical decision involving a child, including simple interventions such as taking an aspirin or getting ears pierced.”

In addition to the parental-consent requirement, Florida’s new law increases the penalty for any healthcare practitioner who violates a current law that requires them to preserve the life of a baby born alive during a botched abortion from a first-degree misdemeanor to a third-degree felony, WFLA reports.

“This law sends a clear message that here in Florida, we will do everything we can to prevent the abomination of infanticide in our state. When a child miraculously survives this brutal medical procedure, that child’s life must be preserved and treated with great respect and care. The penalty for refusing to provide medical care to an infant struggling for life should be significant,” said President Galvano.

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