

HB 1546 -- Reporting Abortions

Sponsor: Harris

This bill changes the requirements for reporting abortions to the Department of Health and Senior Services. The report which the attending physician completes after performing or inducing an abortion must contain:

- (1) Information required by the United States Standard Report of Induced Termination of Pregnancy;
- (2) Information regarding the type of abortion procedure used and any drugs that were taken; and
- (3) The reason the pregnant woman sought the abortion and any method of family planning the pregnant woman was using when she became pregnant if the information was provided by the woman. Information provided by the woman must be voluntary, but the abortion facility or physician should make all reasonable efforts to collect the information and should no way discourage the woman from providing it.

The department must add non-identifying statistical data to its annual report regarding post-abortion care and the weekly gestational age of the unborn child when the abortion was performed. A person who knowingly violates the confidentiality of any reports, records, or documents maintained by the hospital or abortion facility or received by the department involving an abortion will be guilty of a class D felony.