

HB7 Analysis

Message: Despite its name, this bill poses restrictions on our freedoms in New Mexico. It grants unrestricted access to abortion and transgender interventions, infringing on parental rights, freedom of speech, and conscience protections. It also prohibits future life protections and creates a potential legal pathway for certain forms of infanticide.

Summary:

1. **Unrestricted Access to Minors:** The bill allows minors to receive abortion or transgender interventions without an age requirement or parental notification.
2. **Restriction of Freedom of Speech and Conscience:** The bill compels state-funded entities and workers to promote or refer individuals to these interventions, limiting freedom of speech and conscience protections.
3. **Prohibition of Future Life Protections:** The bill prevents the creation or enforcement of any law, ordinance, policy, or regulation that conflicts with its provisions, hindering the passage of pro-life and life-affirming laws by elected officials.
4. **Potential Legal Pathway to Infanticide:** The bill includes language similar to laws in California and Maryland that may inadvertently legitimize certain forms of infanticide.

Breakdown and Examples:

1. **Violation of Parents' Rights and Access to Minors:** The bill allows a school teacher to create a gender support plan (GSP) for a student without parental consent, interfering with parental rights.
2. **Restriction of Freedom of Speech and Conscience Protections:** State-funded entities and workers are compelled to promote or refer individuals to these interventions, potentially conflicting with their religious beliefs and conscience.
3. **Prohibition of Future Life Protections:** The bill restricts the ability of New Mexico's elected pro-life officials to pass laws that protect life and may penalize them for doing so.
4. **Legal Pathway to Infanticide:** The bill includes language that could prevent the prosecution or punishment of individuals for acting or refraining from acting in a way that affects the pregnancy, potentially allowing certain forms of infanticide.

For a thorough understanding of the bill, it is essential to review the actual text available in the provided link.

