



**HB 1416: prohibits certain government regulations regarding pregnancy resource centers in connection with abortion and contraception service offerings.**

**Committee: House Judiciary**

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**Position: OPPOSE**

HB 1416 explicitly protects and shields anti-abortion facilities in New Hampshire. These are private entities that often do not offer health care, may not have any licensed providers on staff, and may attempt to mislead patients about their own pregnancies in order to discourage or delay seeking abortion care.

In 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, which left Americans without federal protections for the right to abortion. While almost 30 states have stepped up to make sure their own citizens know they can access the care they need in their own state, New Hampshire remains the only state in New England that does not have any explicit state law or state constitutional protections for abortion. In fact, New Hampshire law (RSA 329:49), instead, states, “Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as creating or recognizing a right to abortion.”

Despite multiple attempts to formalize the right to abortion in New Hampshire law (HB 1674 in 2022; CACR 2 and HB 88 in 2023; CACR 23 and CACR 24 in 2024), the majority of lawmakers rejected these attempts. The only law in New Hampshire offering “protections” for reproductive health centers – New Hampshire’s patient safety zone law – was recently recommended by a majority of this committee to be repealed, despite clear opposition by the public (1,404 opposing HB 1313 and only 19 supporting).

To be clear, reproductive health centers, such as PPNNE, offer the full range of evidence-based, quality sexual and reproductive health care. Planned Parenthood providers do not *encourage* abortion; instead, reproductive health providers give patients complete, medically accurate information so they can make informed decisions about their own health care. Anti-abortion centers, which HB 1416 protects, do not.

Anti-abortion centers operate outside the regulatory framework that governs actual health care providers. They are not required to employ licensed medical professionals, provide medically accurate information, or meet the same standards of informed consent that health centers like PPNNE do.

HB 1416 amounts to an effort by the legislature to essentially give up their own ability to regulate anti-abortion centers. That should be against the legislature’s own interest – having one type of non-profit legally carved out from regulation by any arm of the state government, with high potential damages to our own government, is completely outside of the state's own interest.

If the legislature is genuinely committed to supporting pregnant people, we urge you to protect organizations that offer the full range of sexual and reproductive health care, to invest in childcare, and ensure affordable housing support - not shield ideological organizations that mislead patients.

**We urge a vote of Inexpedient to Legislate on HB 1416.**

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