



Committee: House Health and Governmental Operations Committee

Bill: House Bill 1321 – Abortions – Reporting Requirement

Hearing: March 11, 2022

Position: Oppose

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) opposes *House Bill 1321 – Health – Abortions – Reporting Requirement*. The bill requires facilities to report the rate of gastroschisis in fetuses aborted to the Maryland Department of Health’s Vital Statistic Administration. Providers of abortion care may be able to detect gastroschisis in a fetus, but not necessarily earlier in pregnancy. While the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention does track the prevalence of gastroschisis, it is only through birth records. This bill would impose an unnecessary requirement on abortion providers that does not further positive health outcomes. We ask for an unfavorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.