

**Testimony**  
**Interim Health and Human Services Committee**  
**Thursday, August 5, 2010**  
**North Dakota Department of Health**

Good afternoon, Chairman Weisz, and members of the Health and Human Services Committee. My name is Kjersti Hintz, and I am the maternal and child health nurse consultant with the North Dakota Department of Health's Division of Family Health. I am here today to provide requested information concerning the Services to Pregnant Minors Study.

According to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) 14.02.1 – The Abortion Control Act:

- No person may knowingly perform an abortion upon a pregnant woman younger than 18 unless:
- a. The attending physician has secured the written consent of the minor woman and both parents, if living, or the surviving parent if one parent is deceased, or the custodial parent if the parents are separated or divorced, or the legal guardian or guardians if the minor is subject to guardianship;
  - b. The minor woman is married and the attending physician has secured her informed written consent; or
  - c. The minor woman has received authorization from the juvenile court to obtain an abortion without parental consent (judicial bypass).

The following table shows the number of abortions provided to minor women younger than 18 and requiring parental consent for the years 2006 through May 2010.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Minors</b>
2006	65
2007	87
2008	71
2009	81
2010 (through May)	26

This concludes my testimony. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.