Abortion Requirements for Minors

The majority of states require some level of parental involvement when a minor decides to obtain an abortion. These regulations generally require either notification or consent, or both, from one or both parental figures or legal guardians prior to obtaining the procedure. In 1979, the Supreme Court established a “judicial bypass” requirement in *Bellotti v. Baird*, which allows a court to waive the parental involvement requirement.

This dataset is longitudinal, displaying laws regulating abortion requirements for minors in effect from December 1, 2018 through December 1, 2019. Additional maps and tables are available by visiting [www.lawatlas.org](http://www.lawatlas.org).

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As of December 1, 2019, 44 states have laws explicitly requiring parental involvement in a minor’s abortion.

**Jurisdictions:** 44 (AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WI, WY)

### Judicial Waiver Process

As of December 1, 2019, 42 states have laws that include a legal process that allows a judge to waive the parental involvement requirements.

**Jurisdictions:** 42 (AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, DE, FL, GA, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NC, ND, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV, WI, WY)

### Preservation of Post-Abortal Tissue

As of December 1, 2019, 5 states have laws requiring an abortion facility to preserve post-abortal tissue based on the age of the pregnant minor.

**Jurisdictions:** 5 (AZ, AR, KS, MS, OK)