

# Legal Terms & Laws

## **1. Quid Pro Quo Sexual Harassment:**

Person of authority stipulates that an individual will be punished (academically, at work, extracurricular/sport- team) if they do not give in to unwelcome sexual conduct.

## **2. Hostile Environment:**

Severe, persistent, or persuasive unwelcome sexual conduct.

## **3. Default on Child Support:**

If the court orders an individual to pay child support, and the individual does not pay the support in the amount or at the time stated, they are guilty of a felony punishable by up to 4 years in prison or a fine of \$2,000 or both.

## **4. Child Abuse:**

Occurs though non-accidental physical or mental injury, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or maltreatment. It can be punishable by loss of parental right and/or jail time and fines.

## **5. Neglect:**

A person who has the ability, but fails to provide proper shelter, food, care and clothing, or refuses to provide these things for a child under 17 could be put in prison for up to 3 years.

## **6. Minor's decision regarding Adoption:**

A minor who wants to give a child up for adoptions must receive consent from their parents.

## **7. Safe Delivery:**

A law stating that a mother has the right to anonymously give up parental right of a newborn baby by releasing the newborn to an agency (police stations, fire stations, hospitals) within 72 hour after birth.

## **8. Emergency Contraception:**

Men and women ages 17 and older may buy the emergency contraceptive pill at Planned Parenthood or at a pharmacy without a prescription. Women younger than 17 must get a prescription from a doctor.

## **9. Condoms:**

May be purchased at drugstores and most supermarkets. There are no age restrictions to purchase condoms.

## **10. Age of Consent:**

The age of consent in this state is 16 years old. The age of consent is raised to 18 when it includes a person of authority such as a teacher or coach.

## **11. Sexting:**

The Sexting laws in this state apply when a person sends or receives a seminude or nude image of someone under the age of 18, even though the age of consent is 16 years old. When genitals are showing it is consider child pornography.

## **12. STI Testing:**

Can be done at a doctor's office, various clinics and at Planned Parenthood. Minors do not need parental permission. Doctors have the right to inform parents of the tests run and medical care needed if any test returns positive. The doctor is not required to inform parents or legal guardians. Informing your doctor about your preference is very important.

## **13. Pregnancy Tests:**

Are available at doctor's offices, clinics, Planned Parenthood, and drugstores. Parental consent is not needed. Doctors may, but are not required to inform parents of legal guardians of the results if the child is a minor.