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Senator Campbell moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment**

On page 8, line 8, through page 9, line 29, delete those lines

and insert:

(b) Court Proceedings under this section shall be confidential and shall ensure the anonymity of the minor. All court proceedings under this section shall be sealed. The minor shall have the right to file her petition in the circuit court using a pseudonym or using solely her initials. All documents related to this petition shall be confidential and shall not be available to the public. Court proceedings under this section shall be given precedence over other pending matters to the extent necessary to ensure that the court reaches a decision promptly. The court shall rule, and issue written findings of fact and conclusions of law, within 48 hours of the time that the petition was filed, except that the 48-hour limitation may be extended at the request of the minor. If the court fails to rule within the 48-hour period

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1 and an extension was not requested, then the petition shall be  
2 deemed to have been granted, and the notice requirement shall  
3 be waived.

4 (c) If the court finds, by clear and convincing  
5 evidence, that the minor is sufficiently mature to decide  
6 whether to terminate her pregnancy, the court shall issue an  
7 order authorizing the minor to consent to the performance or  
8 inducement of the termination of pregnancy without the  
9 notification of a parent or guardian.

10 (d) A court that conducts proceedings under this  
11 section shall issue written and specific factual findings and  
12 legal conclusions supporting its decision and shall order that  
13 a confidential record of the evidence and the judge's findings  
14 and conclusions be maintained. At the hearing, the court shall  
15 hear evidence relating to the emotional development, maturity,  
16 intellect, and understanding of the minor.

17 (e) An expedited confidential appeal shall be  
18 available, as the Supreme Court provides by rule, to any minor  
19 to whom the circuit court denies a waiver of notice. An order  
20 authorizing a termination of pregnancy without notice shall  
21 not be subject to appeal.

22 (f) No filing fees shall be required of any pregnant  
23 minor who petitions a court fee for a waiver of parental  
24 notification under this subsection at either the trial or the  
25 appellate level.

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