

Abortion procedures could be altered

The state budget also defunds Planned Parenthood clinics that perform abortions across the state.

By Meghan Gilliland
Staff Writer

The process that precedes abortions in North Carolina would become more complex if a bill now on Democratic Gov. Bev Perdue's desk becomes law.

The bill would make N.C. the 34th state to require a counseling session prior to having an abortion procedure. Women would also have to wait 24 hours and have an ultrasound performed.

The Republican-backed legislation has received criticism from pro-choice activists who say it is a thinly veiled assault on abortion rights.

Carey Pope, executive director of National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League Pro-Choice North Carolina, said the bill unfairly targets women and physicians by further regulating an already highly regulated procedure.

"The fact of the matter is that informed consent already exists for any procedure," she said. "Their

attempt is to restrict access."

The proposed changes to the process of getting an abortion also come on the heels of legislators' efforts to defund Planned Parenthood, an organization that provides abortion, family planning and sexual health services. A provision in the state budget bars the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services from steering state or federal funds toward the organization's clinics across the state — including one in Chapel Hill.

A recent poll released by the John W. Pope Civitas Institute, a conservative policy organization in the state, found that 56 percent of registered voters polled support the bill while 36 percent oppose it.

Eva Ritchey, president of North Carolina Pro-Life Democrats, said that the bill, also known as the "Woman's Right to Know Act," was crafted to ensure that women make an informed decision before having an abortion performed.

"The core purpose of the bill is to give women every piece of information that they can get before they make an irreversible decision," she said.

The bill requires that a physician or qualified professional counsel the woman orally, either in person or via telephone, of the medical risks associated with an abortion as well as carrying the

child to term. Patients would also be counseled on other options, such as adoption.

Women seeking an abortion would be required to have a real-time ultrasound with an explanation of what the display depicts, performed at least four hours before the procedure by the physician performing the abortion.

A contact list of organizations that provide this service free of charge must be given to the patient.

Alternatively, the patient may have an ultrasound performed within 72 hours of the abortion by another physician or technician. At no point would the patient be required to view the ultrasound or hear the physician's explanation, according to the bill.

Pope said legislators were "out of touch" with the values of state residents.

But Ritchey said critics of the bill have overstated its effect on abortion access.

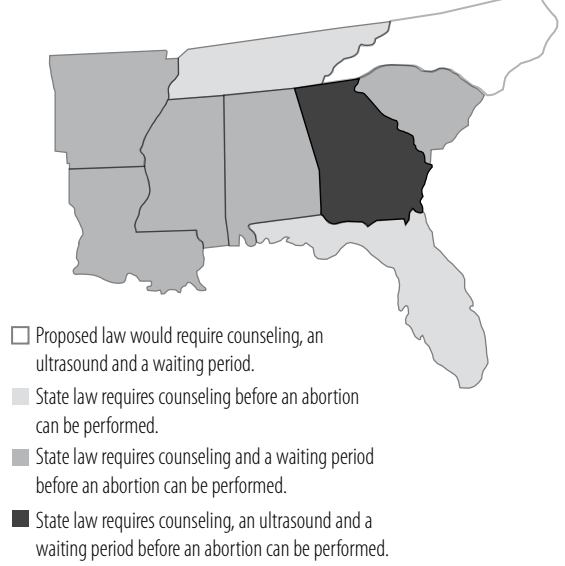
"This bill will not keep a single woman who wants an abortion from getting one," she said.

Chris Mackey, press secretary for Perdue, said she is currently reviewing the bill. Perdue has until Monday to veto or sign it into law.

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THE STATE OF ABORTION IN THE SOUTH

Mandatory procedures that must be completed before women can have an abortion performed vary among Southern states. Required steps might include counseling, ultrasound services or a waiting period.



Town mulls phone ban

Enforcement and state action are key factors in cellphone discussion.

By Sarah Glen
City Editor

To Joe Capowski, part of the problem is cultural.

Capowski, a former member of the Chapel Hill Town Council, is petitioning the current council to ban drivers from using cellphones while driving on town streets.

"It's a very dangerous way to drive," he said. "A person who is driving while talking on a cellphone causes the same risk as someone who is driving drunk."

Capowski said cellphone use on the road is a particular problem in Chapel Hill because the town is home to so many college students who have never really known what it's like not to have a cellphone.

"I'm not against cellphones — I understand their value," he said. "I just don't use it when I drive."

Council member Penny Rich, who proposed a similar petition last year, said she is glad to see the issue come back into the public eye, but there are still many topics to be discussed.

For example, the N.C. General Assembly sent House bill 31, which would make it illegal to use mobile phones while driving, to the rules committee of the House of Representatives, but council members do not know if the legislature will take action on the bill.

Drivers across the state are already banned from texting while driving, and drivers under 18 are not permitted to use their phones at all while behind the wheel.

"It's good that the bill is still alive, and I don't think it's as partisan as I originally thought," Rich said. "But it's a bit of a waiting game. Do we wait for the General Assembly, or do we start talking about it in September or October again?"

In addition to waiting for action from the legislature, the council must also consider how such a ban would be enforced if it were to go into effect.

The council has asked the Chapel Hill Police Department to prepare a report on possible enforcement options for a cellphone ban, but Rich said Capowski's petition will most likely not receive a response for at least a few months.

"Some of the streets we own, and some of the streets the state owns, so that's a difficulty," Rich said.

Arthur Goodwin, a senior research associate at the UNC Highway Safety Research Center, said the best studies suggest that talking on the phone while driving makes drivers four times more likely to be in an accident.

"Driving while on the phone is a bit like playing Russian roulette," he said. "You're increasing your risk, and it's just a matter of time before it catches up with you."

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HARK THE SOUND OF JAZZ

Musicians come together for weeklong performance program

By Tariq Luthun
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Forty students and eight instructors have gathered to take part in more than 50 hours worth of jazz — all in the span of one week.

On Monday, UNC's first ever Summer Jazz Workshop opened its doors. The five-day intensive jazz program will run through Friday, and it features a concert by a different team of musicians each night.

Following several hours of placement auditions, the first day was hectic, but camp director Stephen Anderson said things have been smooth ever since.

The workshops are geared toward a focus on improvisation, jazz theory and small group play. Anderson said students were placed into several combo groups based on their performance levels.

"It's kind of hard to get the full education of jazz in five days, but we try to highlight the main eras," said Charles White, a UNC senior and pianist helping out with workshop instruction. "It's about trying to get the students to make connections."

Emma Conrad, a sophomore music major, is one of the 20 students participating in daily classes for credit hours. A trumpet player, Conrad said she's taking advantage of the chance to improve her musical prowess.

"I haven't ever really played in this small of a group," Conrad said. "I look forward to the constant rehearsal, to seeing where we started (Monday) versus the concert Friday night."

Ross Pederson, an instructor specializing in drums, said he is grateful for the opportunity to work with passionate and dedicated students.

"It's a learning experience for me, too," Pederson said. "It's not a challenge in the negative connotation, but it's something that pushes you to dig a little deeper."

Recently retired UNC law professor and a former mayor of Chapel Hill, Kenneth Broun, said that one is never too old to learn. At 71, Broun has been playing piano for most of his life and said he is enjoying his time playing alongside the high school and college-aged students.

"I'm a little intimidated when somebody who is young enough to be my grandchild is better than I am," Broun said. "They're just amazing."

One of the main draws of the jazz workshop lies in evening concerts, which serve as an extension of the lessons taught during the day, Anderson said.



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Chancellor Holden Thorp plays the electric bass outside Wilson Library for Monday night's Summer Jazz Workshop.

"It's always great to be able to put into practice what you preach," said Pederson.

He added that the concerts offer the students the means to watch how the work they put in now can eventually make performance second nature to them.

While incorporating many aspects of modern jazz, each concert is a reflection on the different players each night, Anderson said.

"There's going to be a lot of mixing of styles," Anderson said. "That's just where we are nowadays."

Anderson said the success of this year's workshop has encouraged him to expand, and that he is looking forward to taking advantage of the experience in order to

SUMMER JAZZ WORKSHOP CONCERTS

Time: 7 p.m. tonight, 6:30 p.m. on Friday
Location: Kenan Music Building 1201
Info: <http://music.unc.edu/>

improve the approach for next year.

"I think that we can even grow a little bit bigger," Anderson said. "There will be a lot of refining next year, and I think we can offer a bit more variety."

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Greenbridge sees riot, gets foreclosure postponed

By Chelsey Dulaney
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After months of opposition and financial uncertainty, animosity towards Greenbridge Developments climaxed Saturday morning when a riot left three in handcuffs.

The 10-story development was set to go up for sale June 27 after defaulting on its Bank of America loans, but bank spokeswoman Shirley Norton said the foreclosure date will be postponed, giving developers time to find investors to cover their \$28.7 million debt.

"We have postponed the sale and continue to work with the developers to resolve the matter," Norton said in an email.

Greenbridge developers did not return calls for comment.

The development has been an object of controversy because of its location in the historically black and low-income Northside neighborhood.

Lt. Kevin Gunter, spokesman for the Chapel Hill Police Department, said protestors caused about \$3,400 of damage to Greenbridge on Saturday by spraying Silly String in the lobby and damaging furniture.

"When the officer responded, he saw about 15 people standing



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Although Bank of America has postponed foreclosure on Greenbridge, the financial future of the development depends on finding investors.

on the sidewalk with banners reading, 'Honk if you oppose Greenbridge,' he said. "There were 20 or 25 more inside, but most of the individuals fled."

Police arrested Brian Dingleline, a Northside resident, Karoline Knable, of Durham, and Kyle Whisenant, of Greensboro, at the riot. All three were taken to the Orange County Jail and released on a secured bond totaling \$8,000.

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GREENBRIDGE HOSTILITY

With critics citing gentrification issues, Greenbridge has faced problems in the past:

- Vandalism spray painted the building in several areas and caused about \$11,000 of damage in January 2010.
- The development experienced its second bomb threat on Feb. 18, 2010.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Repairs close segment of Raleigh Street until July 29

The part of Raleigh Street that runs between East Franklin Street and Cameron Avenue will be closed to traffic until July 29.

A storm drain repair, which began Wednesday, is aimed at preventing future flooding that could cause severe damage to the street and cars.

Pedestrians will be limited to one sidewalk that will be marked by signs.

Chapel Hill Transit will also be detoured because of routes and bus stops on Raleigh Street at Spencer and Alderman residence halls.

Campus Y gets more than \$60,000 for local projects

The Campus Y received \$10,000 from Strowd Roses Inc. and \$52,000 from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund to work on a project in three different neighborhoods near campus.

The grants will be put toward a project dealing with solving environmental and social issues in Abbey Court, Northside and Rogers Road neighborhoods.

The project will pull together multiple student-led and community-led campaigns. The project is scheduled to last for three years.

CITY BRIEFS

Estes Park bus stop closed temporarily for repairs

Residents who use the Estes Park Apartments bus stop will have to board the N bus at a temporary stop across from the complex's entrance.

The town has closed the regular stop until further notice to complete a repair project that is slated to last for about two weeks.

Police seek assistance with unidentified traffic stop

The Chapel Hill Police Department is asking residents who have any information about a traffic stop conducted on Feb. 9 on Barclay Road to come forward.

A press release from the department states that a white male about 5 feet 9 inches tall driving a dark, unmarked vehicle stopped a driver at about 3:15 p.m. and was joined on the scene by another white male who may have been driving a blue Chevrolet Impala.

Police said these men are not members of the department and remind drivers to remain cautious when being stopped.

Information that leads to an arrest could be rewarded with up to \$2,000.

-From staff and wire reports.