




Roy Cooper, Governor  
*State of North Carolina*

GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

***Senate Bill 20, "AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CHANGES TO HEALTH CARE LAWS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS."***

This bill will create dangerous interference with the doctor-patient relationship, leading to harm for pregnant women and their families. With its medically unnecessary obstacles and restrictions, it will make abortion unavailable to many women, particularly those with lower incomes, those who live in rural areas, and those who already have limited access to health care.

Therefore, I veto the bill.



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Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023, at 3:00 PM for reconsideration by that body.

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Date May 14, 2023


Time 3:00 p.m.

Signed Jarah Holland

**PART XIII. EFFECTIVE DATE**

**SECTION 13.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

  
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Bill Rabon  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

**VETO**  


  
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Tim Moore  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Roy Cooper  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ .m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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