

PILLAR CITIZEN *ALERT*

[HB19-1120](#)

(Prime Sponsors: Representative Michaelson-Jenet, Representative Roberts and Senator Fenberg)

Wednesday, February 20th (Upon Adjournment)

House Public Health Care and Human Services Committee—Room #107

The Patriot League encourages Colorado citizens who support the principle of **Parental Rights** to come to a legislative hearing at the State Capitol on February 20th. If attending is not feasible, we suggest e-mailing the legislators on the Committee with the information provided below. We believe this bill is inconsistent with the principle of parental rights, a pillar of moral truth indispensable for our State and Nation to survive and thrive.

HB19-1120 is entitled “Youth Mental Health Education And Suicide Prevention” but based on the contents of the bill should be called the “12-Year Olds Know Better Than Parents Act.” The bill states, among other things, *“The bill allows a minor 12 years of age or older to seek and obtain psychotherapy services with or without the consent of the minor’s parent or guardian. A registered psychotherapist or licensed social worker providing psychotherapy services to a minor may, with the consent of the minor, advise the minor’s parent or legal guardian of the psychotherapy services provided.”* We conclude that this bill is inconsistent with the principle of parental rights, which we hold to be essential for a healthy society.

If you plan to attend the hearing, give testimony, or follow-up on the bill, here are a few tips:

- 1) There may be other bills heard by the Committee prior to this bill that will cause delay so it is important to understand that an investment of additional time may be necessary in order to participate in the hearing of this bill. Prior to heading down for the hearing, it is advisable

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to check the link at the top of this Pillar Citizen *ALERT* to ensure it hasn't been rescheduled.

Citizens attending the hearing are not obligated to provide testimony.

- 2) When you arrive at the hearing location (if giving testimony) sign in on the testimony sheet and sit anywhere in the committee room (it is not necessary to provide any information on the sign-in sheet other than your name.) If the hearing room is full there is typically a designated overflow room that you can go to—in this case, you'd still usually sign up in the actual hearing room and then you'd proceed to the overflow room.
- 3) If you are able, choose a parking lot instead of metered parking due to the fact it is hard to anticipate how much time you'll need at a hearing and the metered parking that is in the vicinity of the Capitol generally has a 2-hour maximum.
- 4) This is a public hearing and well-behaved children are welcome to attend. As a best practice, remember to leave unnecessary items behind including things like pocket knives, etc... due to the fact most buildings where hearings are held require you to go through metal detectors (devices such as laptops, phones, etc... are acceptable.)
- 5) After the hearing, the link at the top of this *ALERT* can be used to access the voting results and outcome of the bill (this can usually be found under the "Status" section by selecting the "Committees" tab where you can click on the "Vote Summary" link.) When a vote is cast to "postpone the bill indefinitely", this indicates the legislator voted against the bill.

The Patriot League encourages citizens to e-mail the 11 members of the Committee in order to express their position on the bill (highlight the e-mail addresses below and copy them into your e-mail application.)

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Finally, please consider doing what you can to make others aware of this opportunity to defend this shared pillar of moral truth.

About The Patriot League

The Patriot League is a non-partisan public advocacy organization that seeks the common good of society through the advancement of America's founding principles. Founded in 2009, The Patriot League works to correct unjust laws and influence society towards a consensus on the indispensability of Traditional Marriage, Parental Rights, Religious Liberty and the Humanity of the Unborn, four pillars of moral truth sustaining America's ability to survive and thrive.