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CREIGHTON FILES PRO-LIFE BILL PROTECTING DOCTORS

Senate Bill 25 Would Reduce Pressure on Physicians to Advocate for Abortion

Austin, TX – Today, Senator Brandon Creighton (R-Conroe) took a stand for the unborn with a bill intended to protect doctors from legal pressure to recommend abortion. Based on legal precedent, doctors can be assigned liability for children born with abnormalities if they identified those abnormalities in utero and failed to advocate for termination, resulting in what's termed a "wrongful birth."

"It is unacceptable that doctors can be penalized for embracing the sanctity of life," said Creighton, a father of two. "It is especially disturbing to learn that the case law supporting damage awards for fetal abnormalities leans heavily on a Texas Supreme Court ruling made more than forty years ago. Because so many states have followed Texas' lead, it's incumbent on us to lead the way to a renewed embrace of life in America."

Sen. Creighton added the bill to his already full slate of proposed legislation that focuses on economic empowerment and alleviating burdensome taxation on Texas families and job creators.

"It breaks my heart that courts have punished doctors for the birth of children with Down Syndrome or a missing limb," concluded Creighton. "Every child is precious and deserving of our protection."

With damage awards known to reach eight digits, doctors are under pressure to err on the side of advocating for abortion. Creighton's bill, "Prohibited Cause of Action: Wrongful Birth" has been assigned the number Senate Bill 25. It has the support of Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick.

"I commend Sen. Creighton for filing this important legislation, said Lt. Governor Dan Patrick. "The Texas Senate values the life of every child and will fight to protect the value and dignity of every life including those born with disabilities."

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Brandon Creighton is a Republican Senator from Conroe who represents Senate District 4.