Texas has the second highest number of abortion restrictions in the country, along with 6 other states, but has only enacted 12 of 25 supportive policies. If the health of women and children is truly a concern for the state, policymakers’ time and effort would be better spent increasing the number of policies that are known to support women and children, rather than enacting harmful abortion restrictions.

17 of 18 Abortion Restrictions

- TRAP / PROVIDER RESTRICTIONS
  1. Ambulatory surgical center standards imposed on facilities providing abortion
  2. Hospital privileges or alternative arrangement required for abortion providers
  3. Restriction on which health care providers may provide abortions

- PROCEDURE RESTRICTIONS
  4. Gestational age limit for abortion set by law
  5. Medication abortion restrictions
  6. Method abortion bans

- COVERAGE / FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS
  7. Restrictions on abortion coverage in Medicaid
  8. Restrictions on abortion coverage in private health insurance plans
  9. Restrictions on abortion coverage in public employee health insurance plans
  10. Restrictions on the allocation of public funds

- QUESTIONS PATIENT DECISION-MAKING
  11. Mandatory counseling prior to abortion
  12. Parental involvement required before a minor obtains an abortion
  13. Requirement to have or be offered an ultrasound
  14. Waiting periods required between time of first appointment and abortion
  15. Bans on the basis of sex, race, or fetal diagnosis

12 of 25 Supportive Policies

- IMPROVES ACCESS TO HEALTH
  1. Affordable Care Act Medicaid expansion
  2. Telephone, online, and/or administrative renewal of Medicaid/CHIP
  3. Above average Title X funding per patient
  4. Contraceptive parity law in place
  5. IVF insurance or fertility preservation laws

- SUPPORTS PREGNANT PEOPLE
  6. Medicaid income limit for pregnant women is at least 200% of the federal poverty line
  7. Expanded family/medical leave beyond the FMLA
  8. Maternal mortality review board established
  9. Reasonable accommodations for pregnant workers
  10. Restrictions on shackling pregnant prisoners
  11. Paid sick leave
  12. Workplace lactation rights beyond the federal requirements

- PROMOTES CHILDREN’S AND ADOLESCENTS’ HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND SAFETY
  13. Children can enroll in CHIP with no waiting period
  14. Physical education for elementary, middle, and high school
  15. Sex education mandate
  16. HIV education mandate
  17. Broad eligibility criteria for early intervention services for children at risk of developmental delay
  18. Districts must provide full-day kindergarten
  19. Firearm safety law(s) designed to protect children

- SUPPORTS FAMILIES’ FINANCIAL HEALTH
  20. Families receiving TANF can keep child support collected on their behalf
  21. State minimum wage is above the federal minimum
  22. Income limit for childcare assistance is greater than 55% of state median income
  23. No family cap policy or flat cash assistance grant
  24. Individuals may be eligible for CCDF childcare subsidies if they are seeking employment

- PROMOTES A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT
  25. Worksites, restaurants, and bars must be smoke free

Indicators are updated through 2019 or the most recent year data was available.