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## 2001 SENATE BILL 389

January 18, 2002 – Introduced by Senators BAUMGART and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives OWENS, PLALE, GUNDRUM and GUNDERSON. Referred to Committee on Judiciary, Consumer Affairs, and Campaign Finance Reform.

- 1     **AN ACT to amend** 48.375 (2) (a) and 253.10 (2) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:**  
2             changing the definition of “abortion” for informed consent to an abortion and  
3             for parental consent to a minor’s abortion.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, an abortion may not be performed or induced unless the individual seeking the abortion has given a voluntary, informed consent; included in this consent is her required receipt of certain oral and written information at least 24 hours before the abortion is to be performed or induced. Also under current law, a minor may not obtain an abortion unless the minor has given voluntary, informed consent under the same requirements and voluntary, informed consent has been given by a parent or one of several specified persons or a court has granted the minor’s petition for a waiver of the consent by a parent or other person. “Abortion” is defined, for the purposes of these laws, to mean, among other things, the use of any drug to terminate pregnancy and with intent other than to increase the probability of a live birth, to preserve the life or health of the infant after live birth, or to remove a dead fetus.

This bill modifies the definition of “abortion” for the purposes of the laws relating to informed consent and to parental consent for a minor’s abortion, to include specifically use of the drug RU-486.

