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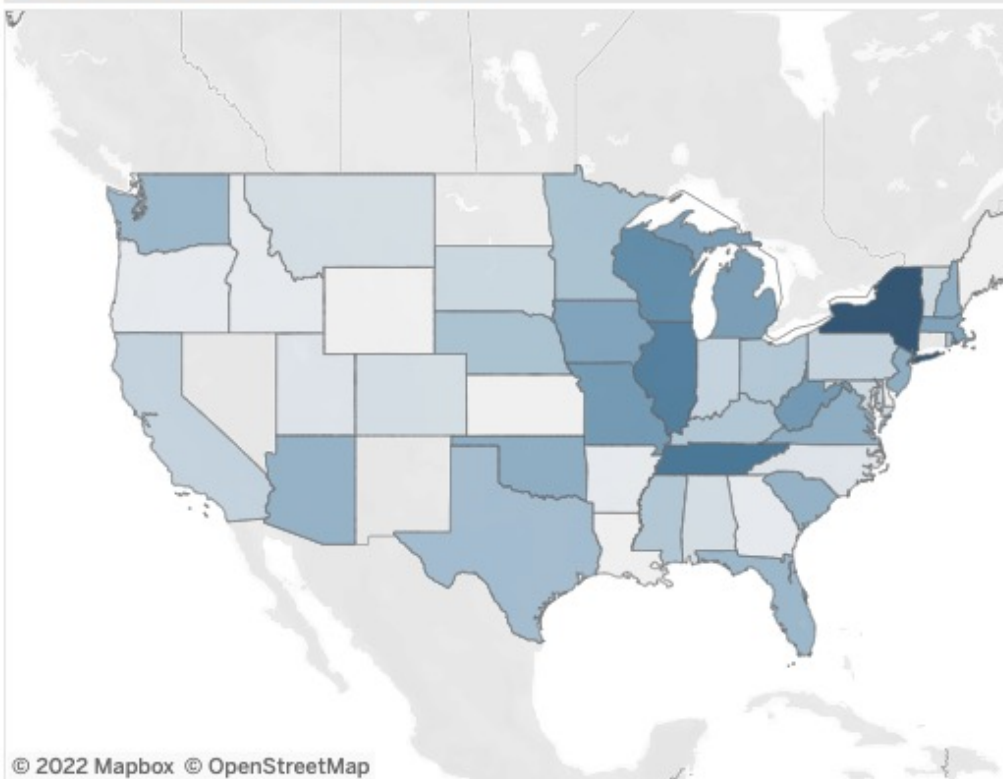
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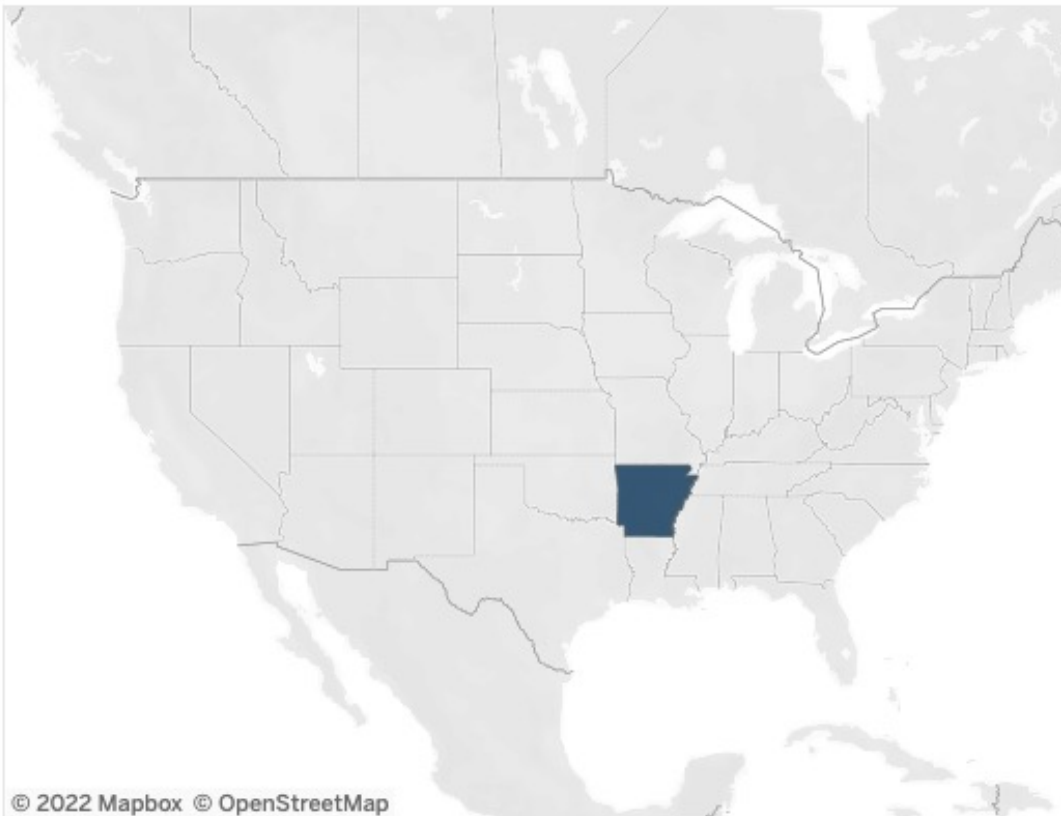
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Abortion	AK	HB 206	"An Act interpreting the right to privacy under art. I, sec. 22..	5/10/2021	➔
	AL	HB 261	Abortion, ban non-surgical, chemical abortions, criminal pen..	2/3/2022	➔
		HB 23	Abortion, prohibited, civil cause of action to enforce authori..	1/11/2022	➔
	HB 118	Abortion, prohibits public funding or subsidization of aborti..	1/13/2022	➔	
AR	Null	Null	Null	➔	
AZ	SB 1646	Abortion; authorized providers; waiting period	2/2/2022	➔	

Arkansas Pro-Life Legislative Tracker

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Arkansas Abortion Laws

AUL's Defending Life Ranking: #1

Arkansas has been a leader in implementing the Mother-Child strategy, enacting laws that protect both mother and unborn child against the harms inherent in abortion. It maintains strong informed consent and parental involvement requirements, comprehensive health and safety requirements for abortion facilities, and elective limits on state taxpayer funding for abortion and abortion providers. Arkansas has also begun to regulate biotechnology.

Arkansas Abortion Quick Facts

- Abortion is legal in Arkansas, but will be banned once *Roe v. Wade* is overturned.
- Abortion is banned after 18 weeks except if the life of the mother is at risk, in cases of rape, and cases of incest.
- Chemical abortion drugs are legal in Arkansas, with regulations.

Arkansas Law & The Human Right To Life

- Arkansas' policy, as explained in an amendment to the state constitution, is to "protect the life of every unborn child from conception until birth, to the extent permitted by the Federal Constitution."
- Arkansas maintains an enforceable abortion prohibition should the U.S. Constitution be amended or certain U.S. Supreme Court decisions be reversed or modified.
- In 2019, Arkansas passed legislation that would prohibit abortion should the U.S. Constitution be amended or certain U.S. Supreme Court decisions be reversed or modified, except in cases where necessary to protect the life of the mother as defined by the statute.
- Arkansas prohibits an abortion if an unborn child's heartbeat is detected and the unborn child is at 12 weeks of development or greater. The law is permanently enjoined.
- Arkansas limits abortion after 18 weeks' gestation. Arkansas also limits abortion at or after 5 months of development (i.e., 20 weeks) on the basis of the pain felt by unborn children.
- Arkansas prohibits sex-selective abortion and abortion based on the diagnosis or potential diagnosis of Down syndrome. The law is in ongoing litigation.
- If the unborn child is diagnosed with a lethal fetal anomaly, the woman must be informed about the option of perinatal palliative care and given a list of available services prior to the abortion.
- Arkansas prohibits partial-birth abortion.
- It also prohibits the dismemberment abortion procedure. The law is in ongoing litigation.
- Arkansas requires that, 72 hours prior to an abortion, a woman must sign a form provided by the physician that contains information about the proposed abortion method, the immediate and longterm risks associated with the proposed method, alternatives to abortion, the probable

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