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Vote Set On Anti-Abortion Bill

Kansas legislators are preparing for final votes on a sweeping anti-abortion bill that blocks tax breaks for providers and outlaws abortions solely because of the baby's sex.

Senate leaders scheduled a vote for Friday on the measure. If senators approve it, as expected, it would go to the House, where passage would send the bill to Gov. Sam Brownback.

The final version reconciles differences between the House and Senate.

The bill also prohibits abortion providers from being involved in public school sex education classes and spells out in more detail what information doctors must provide to patients seeking abortions.

The measure declares that life begins "at fertilization." Abortion opponents see the language as a statement of principle, but some critics worry it could have practical implications.

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