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This bill would be profoundly harmful as it strips individuals of their bodily autonomy, criminalizing essential healthcare and disproportionately impacting marginalized communities. By repealing laws that allow abortion, it forces individuals to carry pregnancies against their will, exacerbating financial, medical, and psychological hardships. The criminalization of abortion would not stop people from seeking it but would drive the practice underground, increasing the risks of unsafe procedures and maternal mortality. This legislation also threatens medical professionals with legal consequences for providing necessary care, creating a chilling effect that could discourage doctors from treating pregnancy complications out of fear of prosecution. Furthermore, it disregards the complex and deeply personal reasons why someone may seek an abortion, imposing a rigid, punitive approach that denies people the ability to make decisions about their own lives and futures.