

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 3001

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An Act relating to public health and safety; requiring State Department of Health to establish and implement program to fund certain entities; providing certain qualifications for services; directing submission of annual status reports; allowing for contracting with certain providers; stating exception; requiring promulgation of rules; defining phrase; stating information, counseling and services to be provided; creating the Alternatives-to-Abortion Services Revolving Fund; specifying purpose; providing for deposits and expenditures; providing restrictions upon use of fund; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-740.11 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Before July 1, 2007, the State Department of Health shall establish and implement a program to facilitate funding to nongovernmental entities that provide alternatives-to-abortion services. The services must be outcome-based with positive outcome-based results.

B. During the 2006 interim, the State Department of Health shall make annual reports to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate regarding the status of the alternatives-to-abortion services funding, the first of which must be made by December 1, 2006.

C. The Department may contract with nongovernmental health care and special service organizations to provide services offered under the program. The services must be outcome-based with positive outcome-based results. The Department may not contract with a provider of adoption services not licensed by the state.

D. The State Department of Health shall promulgate rules necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

E. As used in this section, "alternatives-to-abortion services" means those services that promote childbirth instead of abortion by providing information, counseling, and support services that assist pregnant women or women who believe they may be pregnant to choose childbirth and to make informed decisions regarding the choice of adoption or parenting with respect to their children.

The information, counseling and services provided under this program may include, but are not limited to:

1. Medical care;
2. Nutritional services;
3. Housing assistance;
4. Adoption services;
5. Educational and employment assistance, including services that support the continuation and completion of high school;
6. Child care assistance; and
7. Parenting education and support services.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-740.12 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the State Department of Health to be designated the "Alternatives-to-Abortion Services Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies deposited to the credit of the fund by law. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby

appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the State Department of Health as provided in subsection A of Section 1 of this act. The fund shall not be available to any organization or affiliate of an organization which provides or promotes abortions or directly refers for abortion; provided, however, any nondirective counseling relating to the pregnancy shall not disqualify an organization from receiving these funds. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective September 1, 2006.

Passed the House of Representatives the 15th day of March, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate