

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 SENATE BILL 586

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to genetic counseling; providing
8 definition; requiring health care entities
9 administering prenatal care, postnatal care, or
10 genetic counseling to provide certain information to
11 expectant or new parents; establishing standards for
12 information provided to expectant parents;
13 authorizing the State Department of Health to provide
14 certain information under certain circumstances;
15 requiring information to be culturally and
16 linguistically appropriate; prohibiting certain
17 limitation; providing for codification; and providing
18 an effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-571 of Title 63, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. For the purposes of this section, "Down syndrome" means a
24 chromosomal condition caused by an error in cell division that
25 results in the presence of an extra whole or partial copy of
26 chromosome twenty-one (21).

27 B. Any hospital, physician, health care provider, nurse
28 midwife, genetic counselor or other entity that renders prenatal

1 care, postnatal care or genetic counseling, upon receipt of a
2 positive test result from a test for Down syndrome, shall provide
3 the expectant or new parent with information provided by the State
4 Department of Health. The information provided shall be:

5 1. Up-to-date, evidenced-based written information about Down
6 syndrome that has been reviewed by medical experts and national Down
7 syndrome organizations. The written information provided shall
8 include physical, developmental, educational, and psychological
9 outcomes, life expectancy, clinical course, intellectual and
10 functional development, and treatment options; and

11 2. Contact information regarding programs and support services,
12 including information hotlines specific to Down syndrome, resource
13 centers or clearinghouses, national and local Down syndrome
14 organizations, and other education and support programs.

15 C. The Department may also make such information available to
16 any other person who has received a positive test result from a test
17 for Down syndrome.

18 D. Information provided under this section shall be culturally
19 and linguistically appropriate for women receiving a positive
20 prenatal diagnosis or for the family of a child receiving a
21 postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome.

22 E. Nothing in this section shall limit the rights of any person
23 under Section 1-561 et seq. of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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