

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 51st Legislature (2007)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 139

By: Gumm and Branam of the
Senate

6 and

7 Hamilton of the House

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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 (public health and safety - University of Oklahoma

12 Health Sciences Center - public umbilical cord

13 blood bank - codification -

14 effective date)

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2175 of Title 63, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. On or before January 1, 2008, the University of Oklahoma
23 Health Sciences Center, in collaboration with a private blood donor
24 or private blood bank organization, shall establish, operate and

1 maintain a public umbilical cord blood bank for the purpose of
2 collecting and storing umbilical cord blood and placental tissue
3 donated by maternity patients at hospitals licensed in this state.

4 B. On or before January 1, 2008, the University of Oklahoma
5 Health Sciences Center shall establish a program to educate
6 maternity patients with respect to the subject of cord blood
7 banking. The program shall provide maternity patients with
8 sufficient information to make an informed decision on whether or
9 not to participate in a private or public umbilical cord blood
10 banking program and shall include, but not be limited to,
11 explanations and information on:

12 1. The difference between public and private umbilical cord
13 blood banking;

14 2. The medical process involved in umbilical cord blood
15 banking;

16 3. The current and potential future medical uses of stored
17 umbilical cord blood;

18 4. The benefits and risks involved in banking umbilical cord
19 blood; and

20 5. The availability and cost of storing umbilical cord blood
21 and placental tissue in public and private umbilical cord blood
22 banks.

23 C. 1. Each physician licensed in this state and each hospital
24 licensed in this state shall inform each pregnant patient under the

1 physician's or hospital's care, not later than thirty (30) days from
2 the commencement of the patient's third trimester of pregnancy, of
3 the opportunity to donate to the public umbilical cord blood bank,
4 established under subsection A of this section, blood and tissue
5 extracted from the umbilical cord and placenta, following delivery
6 of a newborn child, at no cost to the patient.

7 2. Nothing in this section shall be construed to:

- 8 a. obligate a hospital to collect umbilical cord blood or
9 placental tissue if, in the professional judgment of a
10 physician licensed in this state, the collection would
11 threaten the health of the mother or child,
- 12 b. prohibit a maternity patient from donating or storing
13 blood extracted from the umbilical cord or placenta of
14 the patient's newborn child to a private umbilical
15 cord blood and placental tissue bank, or
- 16 c. impose a requirement upon attending medical personnel
17 who object to umbilical cord blood or placental tissue
18 donation as being in conflict with their religious
19 tenets and practice.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2007.

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