

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR ENGROSSED  
5 HOUSE BILL 2797

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Peterson, Strohm, Kern,  
Bennett, Christian, Ritze  
and Moore of the House

6 and

7 Griffin of the Senate  
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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 [ public health - requiring development of certain  
12 form by State Department of Health - effective date ]  
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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-751 of Title 63, unless there  
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. The State Department of Health shall develop, update  
19 annually and maintain an electronic form containing information  
20 concerning public and private agencies and services available to  
21 assist a woman through pregnancy, upon childbirth and while the  
22 child is dependent, which shall include a comprehensive list of the  
23 agencies available, including adoption agencies, a description of  
24 the services they offer and a description of the manner, including

1 telephone numbers and email addresses, by which they might be  
2 contacted. The Department shall index this form geographically and  
3 shall make it readily accessible on the Department's website. The  
4 website shall include the following statement:

5 "There are many public and private agencies willing and able to  
6 help you carry your child to term and assist you and your child  
7 after your child is born, whether you choose to keep your child  
8 or to place him or her for adoption. The State of Oklahoma  
9 strongly urges you to contact them if you are pregnant."

10 B. The statement required by subsection A of this section shall  
11 include the hyperlink to the section of the Department's Internet  
12 website containing the information required by subsection A of this  
13 section and shall be made available in a downloadable format  
14 appropriate for display.

15 C. On or before January 1, 2018, the Department shall make  
16 available to each facility in this state which is open to the  
17 public, containing a restroom available to the public and licensed  
18 by the State Department of Health to post signage in its restroom  
19 containing the statement provided by subsection A of this section.

20 D. The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules to  
21 implement the provisions of this section.

22 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-752 of Title 63, unless there  
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1       The State Department of Health shall:

2       1.   Develop and make available materials designed to provide  
3 accurate, scientifically verifiable information concerning the  
4 probable anatomical and physiological characteristics of the unborn  
5 child at two-week gestational intervals.   The Department may utilize  
6 as a resource the material dealing with "Characteristics of the  
7 Unborn Child" created pursuant to Section 1-738.3 of Title 63 of the  
8 Oklahoma Statutes and as located on the website,  
9 [www.awomansright.org](http://www.awomansright.org);

10       2.   Develop and distribute educational and informational  
11 materials to provide public information through public service  
12 announcements, media and otherwise for the purpose of achieving an  
13 abortion-free society.   Such materials shall be developed from the  
14 most readily available, accurate and up-to-date information and  
15 shall clearly and consistently teach that abortion kills a living  
16 human being.   All efforts by the Department in this regard shall be  
17 reported annually to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Senate Health  
18 and Human Services Committee and the House Public Health Committee;

19       3.   Provide technical assistance to help community-based  
20 organizations in the planning and implementation of abortion  
21 prevention, alternatives to abortion referral and unborn child  
22 humanity education programs;

1        4. Provide outreach, consultation, training and alternatives to  
2 abortion referral services to schools, organizations and members of  
3 the community;

4        5. Distribute educational and informational material concerning  
5 maternal behavior during pregnancy which is helpful to a human child  
6 in utero, including avoidance of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs;  
7 proper nutrition and prenatal vitamins; and utilization of and  
8 resources available for prenatal medical and wellness care; and

9        6. Recommend to the State Department of Education  
10 scientifically verifiable information concerning the unborn child in  
11 the educational standards of science, family and consumer sciences  
12 and health classes.

13        SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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