

BILL SUMMARY
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| Bill No.: | HB 2797 |
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| Author: | Rep. Coody (Ann) |
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| Impact: | Contingent on approp. or revolving funds |

Research Analysis

The subcommittee recommendation removes the requirement for licensed medical providers and hospitals to inform each pregnant patient within five days from the determination that the patient is pregnant, of the public information programs developed under the measure. Additionally, it permits schools that have a family and consumer sciences program to contract with the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education to provide information and services established by the act.

The bill creates the Humanity of the Unborn Child Act. Contingent upon the availability of funds, some of the major provisions of the bill include;

- Directing the State Department of Education to establish, operate and maintain a public information program to educate the public about the humanity of a child in utero.
- Developing a program to educate students in grades nine through twelve and requiring every public school operating at grade level nine to provide a unit of instruction over the topic;
- Allowing the Department to utilize existing resources available through the State Department of Health, the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, and any resource material created pursuant to the State's voluntary and informed consent laws.
- Requiring the Department to maintain a list of public and private agencies and services available to assist women through pregnancy and childhood on its website;
- Developing a public information campaign utilizing PSAs and other media; and

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Fiscal Analysis

SUBREC for HB 2797 relates to schools and creates the Humanity of the Unborn Child Act. The measure is contingent on the provision of appropriated or revolving funds. A revolving fund designated the "Public Education on the Humanity of the Unborn Child Fund" is created. The Department of Education will establish, operate and maintain a public information program(s) to educate the public about the humanity of a child in utero. The Department will establish, operate and maintain a program to education students in grades 9-12 about the humanity of a child in utero. The Department will develop and make available specific materials and develop, update annually and maintain certain information, and make it accessible on the website.

The Department is required to develop and distribute certain materials, develop and conduct specific training programs, provide technical assistance, outreach, consultation, referrals and certain alternatives. The Department will develop, identify, publicize and disseminate certain curricula and materials, facilitate appropriate communications to students, and develop and

distribute educational and information material on certain maternal behavior during pregnancy. Each public school operating at level nine will provide a specified unit of instruction during regular school hours and inform at least one parent or guardian one week prior to commencement of such unit. Parent may remove the student from the unit. Schools with a specified family and consumer sciences education program may contract with the Department of Career and Technology Education for public information programs and services.

Department of Education personnel anticipate that costs would include \$10,000 to establish and maintain the information program, \$145,000-\$150,000 for development of the program instructional training and materials for students, and \$10,000 per high school site for cost of instruction based on average teacher salary. There are 478 high school sites. Additional costs cannot be estimated at this time.

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Other Considerations

None

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