

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2586

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to health care; creating the Down Syndrome Prenatal and Postnatal Education Act; defining terms; requiring health care practitioners to provide certain information to certain patients; providing for timeliness of educational information; requiring the State Department of Health to make certain information available on its website; requiring information provided to conform to certain federal guidelines; 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 1-234.5 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Down Syndrome Prenatal and Postnatal Education Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-234.6 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As used in this act,

1. "Department" means the State Department of Health;

1 2. "Down syndrome" means a chromosomal condition caused by an
2 error in cell division that results in the presence of an extra or
3 partial copy of chromosome twenty-one (21); and

4 3. "Health care practitioner" means any person who is licensed,
5 certified, or otherwise authorized by law to provide health care
6 services or genetic counseling to expectant or new parents.

7 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-234.7 of Title 63, unless
9 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 A. Any health care practitioner who administers or orders
11 administration of a test for Down syndrome shall, upon receiving a
12 test result that is positive for Down syndrome, provide the
13 expectant or new parent with educational information prepared by the
14 Department pursuant to section 4 of this act.

15 B. Delivery of educational information at the time genetic
16 results or diagnostic conclusions are provided shall constitute
17 compliance with this section.

18 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-234.8 of Title 63, unless
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. The Department shall make the following available on its
22 publicly accessible Internet website:
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1 1. Up-to-date, evidence-based information about Down syndrome
2 that has been reviewed by medical experts and national Down syndrome
3 organizations. The information shall include the following:

- 4 a. physical, developmental, educational, and psychosocial
- 5 outcomes,
- 6 b. life expectancy,
- 7 c. clinical course,
- 8 d. intellectual and functional development,
- 9 e. treatment options, and
- 10 f. any other information the Department deems necessary;

11 2. Contact information regarding First Call programs and
12 support services, including the following:

- 13 a. information hotlines specific to Down syndrome,
- 14 b. relevant resource centers or clearinghouses,
- 15 c. national and local Down syndrome organizations, and
- 16 d. education and support programs.

17 B. The information provided pursuant to this act shall conform
18 to the applicable standard or standards provided in the Enhanced
19 National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate
20 Services in Health and Health Care as adopted by the United States
21 Department of Health and Human Services as published in the Federal
22 Register on September 24, 2013, 78 FR 58539-01.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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