

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1503

By: Daniels

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Choosing Childbirth Act; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-740.17, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 371, O.S.L. 2024 (63 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 1-740.17), which relates to grants to private organizations for services; allowing out-of-state organizations to receive grants; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-740.17, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 371, O.S.L. 2024 (63 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 1-740.17), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-740.17. A. The State Department of Health shall make grants, as directed in subsection B of this section, from funds appropriated by the Legislature for the Choosing Childbirth Act.

B. The purpose of the grants shall be to reimburse private organizations ~~in this state~~ for the reasonable expenses of programs providing the services listed in subsection C of this section. The Department shall make grants both directly to the private

1 organizations and to one or more grant-supervising entities, who
2 shall reimburse the private organizations.

3 C. Reimbursable services provided under the Choosing Childbirth
4 Act shall include:

5 1. Providing information on, referral to and assistance in
6 securing the services of relevant existing programs or agencies that
7 assist women in this state to carry their children to term, and/or
8 providing services that assist women to carry their children to term
9 including, but not limited to, agencies and programs that will
10 provide:

- 11 a. medical attention for the pregnant woman for the
12 duration of her pregnancy including, but not limited
13 to, obstetric ultrasounds,
- 14 b. mental health and substance abuse services,
- 15 c. nutritional support services,
- 16 d. housing assistance,
- 17 e. transportation assistance,
- 18 f. adoption services,
- 19 g. education and employment assistance, and
- 20 h. parenting education and support services;

21 2. Providing women in this state, through in-person community
22 outreach and telecare, information and/or services that encourage
23 and assist them to carry their children to term; and
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1 3. Providing services including, but not limited to, health
2 care services to mothers and infants up to three (3) years
3 postpartum for the purpose of reducing the rates of maternal
4 mortality and infant mortality in this state by three percent (3%)
5 not later than July 1, 2026; provided, however, no funds shall be
6 provided to an organization that provides, or whose affiliates
7 provide, abortion services.

8 D. To be eligible for a service grant, an organization shall:

9 1. Be registered with the Secretary of State as a not-for-
10 profit corporation ~~located in this state;~~

11 2. Have the grant amount approved by:

12 a. the grant-supervising entity, if the grant was
13 provided to the private organization by a grant-
14 supervising entity, or

15 b. the Department, if the grant was provided directly to
16 the private organization by the Department;

17 3. For services described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection C
18 of this section, provide each pregnant woman counseled with accurate
19 information on the developmental characteristics of unborn children
20 including offering the printed information described in Section 1-
21 738.3 of this title;

22 4. Assure that the grant's sole purposes are to assist and
23 encourage women to carry their children to term and to maximize
24 their potentials thereafter as provided in paragraphs 1 and 2 of

1 subsection C of this section or to reduce the rates of maternal
2 mortality and infant mortality in this state as provided in
3 paragraph 3 of subsection C of this section; and

4 5. Assure that none of the funds provided pursuant to the
5 Choosing Childbirth Act, nor any other funds or services provided by
6 the organization, are used to encourage or counsel a woman to have
7 an abortion not necessary to prevent her death, to provide her such
8 an abortion or to refer her for such an abortion.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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