

HOUSE BILL No. 2429

By Committee on Appropriations

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1 AN ACT concerning abortion; establishing the alternatives to abortion
2 program and the alternatives to abortion public awareness program;
3 providing services that promote childbirth to women facing unplanned
4 pregnancies; promoting public awareness of such services.
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. (a) (1) There is hereby established the alternatives to
8 abortion program. The program shall be administered by the secretary for
9 children and families.

10 (2) The alternatives to abortion program shall serve as a statewide
11 program to enhance and increase resources that promote childbirth instead
12 of abortion to women facing unplanned pregnancies. The program shall
13 offer a full range of services, including pregnancy support centers,
14 adoption assistance and maternity homes.

15 (b) The alternatives to abortion program shall include only the
16 following services:

17 (1) Counseling and mentoring;

18 (2) care coordination for prenatal services, including connecting
19 clients to health programs;

20 (3) providing educational materials and information about pregnancy
21 and parenting;

22 (4) referrals to county and social service programs, including, but not
23 limited to, child care, transportation, housing and state and federal benefit
24 programs;

25 (5) classes on life skills, budgeting, parenting, stress management, job
26 training, job placement and obtaining a GED certificate;

27 (6) providing material items, including, but not limited to, car seats,
28 cribs, maternity clothes, infant diapers and formula; and

29 (7) support groups in maternity homes.

30 (c) Alternatives to abortion program services shall be available to any
31 Kansas resident who is:

32 (1) A pregnant woman;

33 (2) the biological father of an unborn child;

34 (3) the biological or adoptive parent of a child 24 months of age or
35 younger;

36 (4) a program participant who has experienced the loss of a child; or

1 (5) a parent or legal guardian of a pregnant child who is a program
2 participant.

3 (d) (1) The provision and delivery of services under the alternatives
4 to abortion program shall be dependent on participant needs as assessed by
5 the nonprofit organization providing the services and not otherwise
6 prioritized by the secretary for children and families. Such services shall
7 be available to participants only during pregnancy and continuing for up to
8 two years after birth of the child.

9 (2) The state treasurer shall contract with one nonprofit organization
10 to provide services under the alternatives to abortion program. Such
11 nonprofit organization shall subcontract with existing pregnancy centers,
12 adoption agencies, maternity homes and social service organizations that
13 promote childbirth instead of abortion to provide the services described in
14 subsection (b). The contractor and subcontractors may provide services in
15 addition to the services described in subsection (b) that are not otherwise
16 inconsistent with this section, but such services shall not be funded under
17 the alternatives to abortion program.

18 (e) To the greatest extent possible, the secretary for children and
19 families shall supplement and match moneys appropriated for the
20 alternatives to abortion program with federal and other public and private
21 moneys. The secretary shall prioritize such additional moneys to be used
22 preferentially for the alternatives to abortion program. The secretary shall
23 remit such supplemental and matching moneys to the state treasurer in
24 accordance with K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Such moneys
25 shall be expended for the alternatives to abortion program.

26 (f) The alternatives to abortion program and any moneys expended
27 therefor shall not be used to perform, induce, assist in the performing or
28 inducing of or refer for abortions. Moneys expended for the alternatives to
29 abortion program shall not be granted to organizations or affiliates of
30 organizations that perform, induce, assist in the performing or inducing of
31 or refer for abortions.

32 Sec. 2. (a) There is hereby established the alternatives to abortion
33 public awareness program. The program shall be administered by the same
34 nonprofit organization providing services under contract with the state
35 treasurer pursuant to section 1, and amendments thereto.

36 (b) The purpose of the alternatives to abortion public awareness
37 program is to help pregnant women who are at risk of having abortions to
38 be made aware of the alternatives to abortion services made available in
39 accordance with section 1, and amendments thereto.

40 (c) (1) The alternatives to abortion public awareness program shall
41 include the development and promotion of a website that provides a
42 geographically indexed list of alternatives to abortion services and
43 subcontractors available in accordance with section 1, and amendments

1 thereto. Such agencies shall be entities that are exempt from income
2 taxation pursuant to the internal revenue code and provide alternatives to
3 abortion services as described in section 1, and amendments thereto.

4 (2) The alternatives to abortion public awareness program may
5 include, but shall not be limited to, the use of television, radio, outdoor
6 advertising, newspapers, magazines, other print media and the internet to
7 provide information about alternatives to abortion services, agencies and
8 contractors.

9 (d) To the greatest extent possible, the secretary for children and
10 families shall supplement and match moneys appropriated for the
11 alternatives to abortion public awareness program with federal and other
12 public and private moneys. The secretary shall prioritize such additional
13 moneys to be used preferentially for the alternatives to abortion public
14 awareness program. The secretary shall remit such supplemental and
15 matching moneys to the state treasurer in accordance with K.S.A. 75-4215,
16 and amendments thereto. Such moneys shall be expended for the
17 alternatives to abortion program.

18 (e) The alternatives to abortion public awareness program and any
19 moneys expended therefor shall not be used to perform, induce, assist in
20 the performing or inducing of or refer for abortions. Moneys expended for
21 the alternatives to abortion public awareness program shall not be granted
22 to organizations or affiliates of organizations that perform, induce, assist in
23 the performing or inducing of or refer for abortions.

24 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
25 publication in the statute book.