

House Bill 188

By: Representatives Shannon of the 84th, Cannon of the 58th, Clark of the 108th, Stephenson of the 90th, Nguyen of the 89th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to
2 repeal Article 2 of Chapter 2A, relating to the Positive Alternatives for Pregnancy and
3 Parenting Grant Program; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters;
4 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 The General Assembly finds that:

- 8 (1) The State of Georgia is facing maternal mortality, sexual, and reproductive health
9 crises, with rising levels of maternal mortality that are higher than rates across the
10 country;
- 11 (2) In 2016, the State of Georgia created the Positive Alternatives for Pregnancy and
12 Parenting Grant Program, which purports to improve the health of pregnant women, but
13 directs public health funds to only a small range of organizations;
- 14 (3) The organizations funded by this program often provide clients with misleading,
15 deceptive, or medically inaccurate information and offer either very limited medical
16 services or no medical services at all;
- 17 (4) Given these practices, providing public health funding for these organizations is
18 inappropriate; and
- 19 (5) Because this program does not help address Georgia's maternal and reproductive
20 health crises, the program should be rescinded, and the funds redirected toward programs
21 and providers that use evidence-based medicine and have proven track records of
22 improving maternal and reproductive health outcomes.

SECTION 2.

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SECTION 3.