

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 6, 2016

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2797

6 By: Coody (Ann), Billy,
7 Peterson, Strohm, Kern,
8 Bennett, Christian, Ritze
9 and Moore of the House

10 and

11 Griffin and Loveless of the
12 Senate

13 [public health - requiring development of certain
14 form by State Department of Health - effective date]

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-751 of Title 63, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The State Department of Health shall develop, update
20 annually and maintain an electronic form containing information
21 concerning public and private agencies and services available to
22 assist a woman through pregnancy, upon childbirth and while the
23 child is dependent, which shall include a comprehensive list of the
24 agencies available, including adoption agencies, a description of
the services they offer and a description of the manner, including

1 telephone numbers and email addresses, by which they might be
2 contacted. The Department shall index this form geographically and
3 shall make it readily accessible on the Department's website. The
4 website shall include the following statement:

5 "There are many public and private agencies willing and able to
6 help you carry your child to term and assist you and your child
7 after your child is born, whether you choose to keep your child
8 or to place him or her for adoption. The State of Oklahoma
9 strongly urges you to contact them if you are pregnant."

10 B. The statement required by subsection A of this section shall
11 include the hyperlink to the section of the Department's Internet
12 website containing the information required by subsection A of this
13 section and shall be made available in a downloadable format
14 appropriate for display.

15 C. On or before January 1, 2018, the Department shall make
16 available to each facility in this state which is open to the
17 public, containing a restroom available to the public and licensed
18 by the State Department of Health to post signage in its restroom
19 containing the statement provided by subsection A of this section.

20 D. The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules to
21 implement the provisions of this section.

22 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-752 of Title 63, unless there
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 The State Department of Health shall:

2 1. Develop and make available materials designed to provide
3 accurate, scientifically verifiable information concerning the
4 probable anatomical and physiological characteristics of the unborn
5 child at two-week gestational intervals. The Department may utilize
6 as a resource the material dealing with "Characteristics of the
7 Unborn Child" created pursuant to Section 1-738.3 of Title 63 of the
8 Oklahoma Statutes and as located on the website,
9 www.awomansright.org;

10 2. Develop and distribute educational and informational
11 materials to provide public information through public service
12 announcements, media and otherwise for the purpose of achieving an
13 abortion-free society. Such materials shall be developed from the
14 most readily available, accurate and up-to-date information and
15 shall clearly and consistently teach that abortion kills a living
16 human being. All efforts by the Department in this regard shall be
17 reported annually to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Senate Health
18 and Human Services Committee and the House Public Health Committee;

19 3. Provide technical assistance to help community-based
20 organizations in the planning and implementation of abortion
21 prevention, alternatives to abortion referral and unborn child
22 humanity education programs;

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1 4. Provide outreach, consultation, training and alternatives to
2 abortion referral services to schools, organizations and members of
3 the community;

4 5. Distribute educational and informational material concerning
5 maternal behavior during pregnancy which is helpful to a human child
6 in utero, including avoidance of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs;
7 proper nutrition and prenatal vitamins; and utilization of and
8 resources available for prenatal medical and wellness care; and

9 6. Recommend to the State Department of Education
10 scientifically verifiable information concerning the unborn child in
11 the educational standards of science, family and consumer sciences
12 and health classes.

13 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
15 April 6, 2016 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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