

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Bean

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to pregnancy support services;
3 creating s. 381.96, F.S.; providing definitions;
4 requiring the Department of Health to contract with a
5 not-for-profit statewide alliance of organizations to
6 provide pregnancy support and wellness services
7 through subcontractors; providing duties of the
8 department; providing contract requirements; requiring
9 the contractor to spend a specified percentage of
10 funds on direct client services; providing for
11 subcontractor background screenings under certain
12 circumstances; requiring the contractor to annually
13 survey subcontractors; specifying the entities
14 eligible for a subcontract; requiring services to be
15 provided in a noncoercive manner; forbidding the
16 inclusion of faith-based content in informational
17 materials; providing an effective date.

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19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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21 Section 1. Section 381.96, Florida Statutes, is created to
22 read:

23 381.96 Pregnancy support services.—

24 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

25 (a) "Department" means the Department of Health.

26 (b) "Eligible client" means a pregnant woman or a woman who
27 suspects that she is pregnant, and the family of such a woman,
28 who voluntarily seeks pregnancy support services. The period of
29 eligibility may continue for, but may not exceed, 12 months

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30 after the birth of the child.

31 (c) "Florida Pregnancy Care Network, Inc.," or "network"
32 means the not-for-profit statewide alliance of pregnancy support
33 organizations that provide pregnancy support services through a
34 comprehensive system of care to women and their families.

35 (d) "Pregnancy support services" means services that
36 promote and encourage childbirth, including, but not limited to:

37 1. Direct client services, such as pregnancy testing,
38 counseling, referral, training, and education for pregnant women
39 and their families.

40 2. Program awareness activities, including a promotional
41 campaign to educate the public about the pregnancy support
42 services offered by the network and a website that provides
43 information on the location of providers in the user's area, as
44 well as other available community resources.

45 3. Communication activities, including the operation and
46 maintenance of a hotline or call center with a single statewide
47 toll-free telephone number which is available 24 hours a day for
48 an eligible client to obtain the location and contact
49 information for a pregnancy center located in his or her area.

50 (e) "Wellness services" means services or activities
51 intended to maintain and improve health or prevent illness and
52 injury, including, but not limited to, high blood pressure
53 screening, anemia testing, thyroid screening, cholesterol
54 screening, diabetes screening, and assistance with smoking
55 cessation.

56 (2) DEPARTMENT DUTIES.—The department shall contract with
57 the network for the management and delivery of pregnancy support
58 and wellness services to eligible clients.

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59 (3) CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS.—The department contract must
60 specify the contract deliverables, including financial reports
61 and other reports due to the department, timeframes for
62 achieving contractual obligations, and any other requirements
63 that the department determines are necessary, such as staffing
64 and location requirements. The contract must require the network
65 to:

66 (a) Establish, implement, and monitor a comprehensive
67 system of care through subcontractors which meets the pregnancy
68 support and wellness needs of eligible clients.

69 (b) Establish and manage subcontracts with a sufficient
70 number of providers to ensure the availability of pregnancy
71 support and wellness services for eligible clients and maintain
72 and manage the delivery of such services throughout the contract
73 period.

74 (c) Spend at least 90 percent of contract funds on
75 pregnancy support and wellness services.

76 (d) Offer wellness services through vouchers or other
77 appropriate arrangements that allow the purchase of services
78 from qualified health care providers.

79 (e) Require a background screening, as provided in s.
80 943.0542, for all paid staff and volunteers of a subcontractor
81 if such staff or volunteers provide direct client services to an
82 eligible client who is a minor or an elderly person or who has a
83 disability.

84 (f) Annually survey its subcontractors and specify the
85 sanctions that will be imposed for noncompliance with the terms
86 of a subcontract.

87 (g) Subcontract only with providers that exclusively

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88 promote and support childbirth.

89 (h) Ensure that informational materials provided to an
90 eligible client by a provider are current and accurate and cite
91 the source of any medical statement included in the materials.

92 (4) SERVICES.—Services provided pursuant to this section
93 must be provided in a noncoercive manner and instructional
94 materials may not include any faith-based content.

95 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.