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Representative(s) Albright offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 40, between lines 9 and 10, of the amendment

insert:

Section 17. PUBLIC CORD BLOOD TISSUE BANK.--

(1) There is established a statewide consortium to be known as the Public Cord Blood Tissue Bank. The Public Cord Blood Tissue Bank is established as a nonprofit legal entity to collect, screen for infectious and genetic diseases, perform tissue typing, cryopreserve, and store umbilical cord blood as a resource to the public. The University of Florida, the University of South Florida, the University of Miami, and the Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville shall jointly form the collaborative consortium, each working with community resources such as regional blood banks, hospitals, and other health care providers to develop local and regional coalitions for the purposes set forth in this act. The consortium participants shall align their outreach programs and activities to all geographic areas of the state, covering the

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1 entire state. The consortium is encouraged to conduct
2 outreach and research for Hispanics, African Americans, Native
3 Americans, and other ethnic and racial minorities.

4 (2) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall
5 develop and make available to all health care providers
6 information relating to and standardized release forms for
7 donation of umbilical cord blood. The agency and the
8 Department of Health shall encourage health care providers,
9 including, but not limited to, hospitals, birthing facilities,
10 county health departments, physicians, midwives, and nurses,
11 to disseminate information about the Public Cord Blood Tissue
12 Bank.

13 (3) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall
14 develop training materials for agencies and state employees
15 working with pregnant women to educate and inform pregnant
16 women about the public cord blood tissue bank program.

17 (4) All state-funded health care programs providing
18 education or services to pregnant women shall provide
19 information on the Public Cord Blood Tissue Bank program.
20 Information regarding this program shall be provided by, but
21 not be limited to, the Healthy Start program, county health
22 departments, Medicaid, and MediPass.

23 (5) Nothing in this act creates a requirement of any
24 health care or services program that is directly affiliated
25 with a bona fide religious denomination that includes as an
26 integral part of its beliefs and practices the tenet that
27 blood transfer is contrary to the moral principles the
28 denomination considers to be an essential part of its beliefs.

29 (6) Any health care facility or health care provider
30 receiving financial remuneration for the collection of
31 umbilical cord blood shall provide written disclosure of this

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1 information to any woman postpartum or parent of a newborn
2 from whom the umbilical cord blood is collected prior to the
3 harvesting of the umbilical cord blood.

4 (7) All women admitted to a hospital or birthing
5 facility for obstetrical services may be offered the
6 opportunity to donate umbilical cord blood to the Public Cord
7 Blood Tissue Bank. No woman shall be required to make such a
8 donation.

9 (8) The consortium may charge reasonable rates and
10 fees to recipients of cord blood tissue bank products.

11 (9) In order to fund the provisions of this section
12 the consortium participants and the Agency for Health Care
13 Administration shall seek private or federal funds or utilize
14 existing budgetary resources to the extent possible to
15 initiate program actions for fiscal year 2000-2001.

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18 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

19 And the title is amended as follows:

20 On page 3, line 1, of the amendment after the semicolon
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22 insert:

23 creating the Public Cord Blood Tissue Bank as a
24 statewide consortium; providing purposes,
25 membership, and duties of the consortium;
26 providing duties of the Agency for Health Care
27 Administration; providing requirements of
28 specified state-funded health care programs;
29 providing an exception from provisions of the
30 act; requiring specified written disclosure by
31 certain health care facilities and providers;

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1 specifying that donation under the act is
2 voluntary; authorizing the consortium to charge
3 fees;
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