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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL 2797

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

and

Griffin of the Senate

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

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

A. The State Department of Health shall develop, update annually and maintain an electronic form containing information concerning public and private agencies and services available to assist a woman through pregnancy, upon childbirth and while the child is dependent, which shall include a comprehensive list of the agencies available, including adoption agencies, a description of the services they offer and a description of the manner, including
telephone numbers and email addresses, by which they might be contacted. The Department shall index this form geographically and shall make it readily accessible on the Department's website. The website shall include the following statement:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. Provide technical assistance to help community-based organizations in the planning and implementation of abortion prevention, alternatives to abortion referral and unborn child humanity education programs;
4. Provide outreach, consultation, training and alternatives to abortion referral services to schools, organizations and members of the community;

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

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

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