

SENATE BILL NO. 447

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SCHUPP.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 188, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to pregnancy-related services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 188, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 188.345, to read as
3 follows:

188.345. 1. This section shall be known and may be
2 cited as the "Truth in Medicine Act".

3 2. For purposes of this section, the term "medically
4 accurate information" shall mean information that is:

5 (1) Verified or supported by the weight of medical
6 research conducted in compliance with accepted scientific
7 methods;

8 (2) Recognized as correct and objective by leading
9 medical organizations with relevant expertise or government
10 agencies, such as the:

11 (a) American Medical Association;

12 (b) American Congress of Obstetricians and
13 Gynecologists;

14 (c) American Public Health Association;

15 (d) American Academy of Pediatrics;

16 (e) American College of Physicians;

17 (f) American Academy of Family Physicians;

18 (g) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;

19 (h) Food and Drug Administration;
20 (i) National Cancer Institute;
21 (j) American Psychological Association; or
22 (k) National Institute for Health; or
23 (3) Recommended by or affirmed in the medical practice
24 guidelines of a nationally recognized accrediting
25 organization, such as the:

26 (a) Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare
27 Organizations (JCAHO);

28 (b) National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA);

29 (c) American Accreditation HealthCare Commission or
30 Utilization Review Accreditation Commission (AAHC/URAC); or

31 (d) Accreditation Association for Ambulatory
32 HealthCare (AAAHC).

33 3. To be eligible for state funds, all organizations
34 that provide pregnancy-related services or counseling,
35 including those that provide services or counseling under
36 the alternatives to abortion services program described in
37 section 188.325, shall provide program participants with
38 medically accurate and unbiased information on all relevant
39 reproductive health options, including, but not limited to,
40 information about family planning, birth control, pregnancy,
41 abortion, adoption, labor and delivery, and postpartum care.

42 4. Any organization that provides pregnancy-related
43 services or counseling, including an organization that
44 provides services or counseling under the alternatives to
45 abortion services program, that violates the provisions of
46 this section shall not be eligible to receive any state
47 funding or tax incentives including, but not limited to,
48 temporary assistance for needy families funds or tax credits.

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