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H.B. No. 988

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to informational materials provided through the alternatives to abortion program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 2, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Chapter 54 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 54. ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION PROGRAM

Sec. 54.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "alternatives to abortion program" means the program established by the commission to enhance and increase resources that promote childbirth for women facing unplanned pregnancy.

Sec. 54.002. REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS. (a) Informational materials provided through the alternatives to abortion program, including lesson curricula and promotional materials, must be medically accurate and scientifically supported. This subsection applies to materials provided by:

(1) the commission; and

(2) an entity contracted by the commission to provide services for the alternatives to abortion program.

(b) The executive commissioner may adopt rules to implement this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.