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H.B. No. 4755

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the services provided under 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. PATIENT NAVIGATOR SERVICES FOR CERTAIN  
EXPECTANT PARENTS. (a) The alternatives to abortion program must  
provide access to a third-party patient navigator for expectant  
mothers and fathers who receive a prenatal diagnosis for their  
unborn child of a significant fetal anomaly, rare disorder, or  
other chronic, medically complex disability or condition.

(b) A third-party patient navigator who provides services  
under the alternatives to abortion program shall:

(1) connect expectant parents with support and  
advocacy groups specific to the fetal diagnosis for their child;  
and

(2) assist expectant parents with applying for home-  
and community-based medical care, support, and services for their

1 child.

2 Sec. 54.003. NURSING FACILITY DIVERSION. (a) The  
3 alternatives to abortion program must provide nursing facility  
4 diversion space to allow immediate access to the medically  
5 dependent children (MDCP) waiver program for children born with a  
6 rare disorder or other chronic, medically complex disability or  
7 condition.

8 (b) An expectant mother or father may apply for access to a  
9 nursing facility diversion space described by Subsection (a) before  
10 or after the child's birth.

11 Sec. 54.004. RULES. The executive commissioner shall adopt  
12 rules as necessary to implement this chapter.

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