

1-1 By: Uresti (Senate Sponsor - Lindsay) H.B. No. 341  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2003;  
1-3 May 13, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
1-4 and Human Services; May 23, 2003, reported adversely, with  
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7,  
1-6 Nays 0; May 23, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 341 By: Lindsay

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to parenting and postpartum counseling information to be  
1-11 provided to a pregnant woman.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Chapter 161, Health and Safety Code, is amended  
1-14 by adding Subchapter R to read as follows:

1-15 SUBCHAPTER R. PARENTING AND POSTPARTUM COUNSELING INFORMATION

1-16 Sec. 161.451. RESOURCE LIST. (a) A hospital, birthing  
1-17 center, physician, nurse midwife, or midwife who provides prenatal  
1-18 care to a pregnant woman during gestation or at delivery of an  
1-19 infant shall:

1-20 (1) provide the woman with a resource list of the  
1-21 names, addresses, and phone numbers of professional organizations  
1-22 that provide postpartum counseling and assistance to parents; and

1-23 (2) document in the patient's record that the patient  
1-24 received the information described in subdivision (1).

1-25 (3) retain the documentation for at least three years  
1-26 in the hospital's, birthing center's, physician's, nurse midwife's  
1-27 or midwife's records.

1-28 (b) The list must include resources a parent may contact to  
1-29 receive counseling and assistance for postpartum depression and  
1-30 other emotional traumas associated with pregnancy and parenting.

1-31 (c) A hospital, birthing center, physician, nurse midwife  
1-32 or midwife who provides prenatal care to a woman during gestation or  
1-33 at delivery is presumed to have complied with this section if the  
1-34 woman received prior prenatal care from another hospital, birthing  
1-35 center, physician, or midwife in this state during the same  
1-36 pregnancy.

1-37 Sec. 161.452. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT. The department shall:

1-38 (1) establish guidelines for the provision of the  
1-39 information required by Section 161.451;

1-40 (2) make available on the department's website a  
1-41 printable list of professional organizations that provide  
1-42 postpartum counseling and assistance to parents; and

1-43 (3) update the list required under Subdivision (2)  
1-44 monthly.

1-45 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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