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H.B. No. 709

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 709:

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C.S.H.B. No. 709

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to information regarding umbilical cord blood options.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 162, Health and Safety Code, is amended  
by adding Sections 162.018 and 162.019 to read as follows:

Sec. 162.018. BROCHURE ON UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD OPTIONS.

(a) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services  
Commission shall collect information and prepare and update as  
necessary a brochure regarding stem cells contained in the  
umbilical cord blood after delivery of an infant. The information  
in the brochure must include:

(1) the current and potential uses, risks, and  
benefits of stem cells contained in umbilical cord blood to a  
potential recipient of donated stem cells, including a biological  
family member, extended family member, or nonrelated individual;

(2) the options available for future use or storage of  
umbilical cord blood after delivery of an infant, including:

(A) discarding the stem cells;

(B) donating the stem cells to a public umbilical  
cord blood bank;

(C) storing the stem cells in a private family  
umbilical cord blood bank for use by immediate and extended family  
members; and

(D) storing the stem cells for immediate and

1 extended family use through a family or sibling donor banking  
2 program that provides free collection, processing, and storage when  
3 a medical need exists;

4 (3) the medical process used to collect umbilical cord  
5 blood after delivery of an infant;

6 (4) any risk associated with umbilical cord blood  
7 collection to the mother and the infant;

8 (5) any costs that may be incurred by a pregnant woman  
9 who chooses to donate or store umbilical cord blood after delivery  
10 of the woman's infant; and

11 (6) the average cost of public and private umbilical  
12 cord blood banking.

13 (b) The Department of State Health Services shall make the  
14 brochure available on the department's website and shall distribute  
15 the brochure on request to physicians or other persons permitted by  
16 law to attend a pregnant woman during gestation or at delivery of an  
17 infant.

18 Sec. 162.019. DUTY OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONALS. (a) Except as  
19 otherwise provided by this section, a physician or other person  
20 permitted by law to attend a pregnant woman during gestation or at  
21 delivery of an infant shall provide the woman with the brochure  
22 described in Section 162.018 before the third trimester of the  
23 woman's pregnancy or as soon as reasonably feasible.

24 (b) A person described in Subsection (a) who attends a  
25 pregnant woman during delivery of her infant shall permit the  
26 mother to arrange for umbilical cord blood storage or donation if  
27 the mother requests unless, in the opinion of the person, the

1 donation threatens the health of the mother or her infant.

2 (c) A person described by Subsection (a) is not required to  
3 distribute the brochure under Subsection (a) or to permit for the  
4 arrangement of umbilical cord blood storage or donation under  
5 Subsection (b) if the action conflicts with the person's religious  
6 beliefs and the person makes this fact known to the mother as soon  
7 as reasonably feasible.

8 SECTION 2. Not later than January 1, 2008, the executive  
9 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall  
10 prepare and the Department of State Health Services shall  
11 distribute the brochure required by Section 162.018, Health and  
12 Safety Code, as added by this Act.

13 SECTION 3. A physician or other person permitted by law to  
14 attend a pregnant woman during gestation or at delivery of an infant  
15 is not required to comply with Section 162.019, Health and Safety  
16 Code, as added by this Act, before January 1, 2008.

17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.