

By: King of Taylor

H.B. No. 50

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the development of a public education program regarding
3 unexpected pregnancy and a related study concerning legislation
4 affecting abortion.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 531.0732 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 531.0732. PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM REGARDING
9 UNEXPECTED PREGNANCIES. (a) The commission shall develop a public
10 education program regarding the impact and consequences for women
11 and men of unexpected pregnancies.

12 (b) The public education program developed under Subsection
13 (a) shall include strategies to encourage the biological fathers of
14 children of unexpected pregnancies to support the mothers of those
15 children in order to reduce the occurrence of abortions and the use
16 of abortion facilities in the state.

17 (c) The commission may consult any state agency, council, or
18 task force in the performance of its duties under this section. On
19 request of the commission, a state agency, council, or task force
20 shall assist the commission with the commission's duties under this
21 section. The commission may establish a task force, composed of
22 members appointed by the executive commissioner, to study the
23 impact and consequences of unexpected pregnancies, to provide
24 recommendations on the public education program, and to implement

1 this section.

2 (d) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year,
3 the commission shall report its findings and recommendations
4 regarding the implementation of the public education program to the
5 legislature.

6 (e) The commission must implement this section using
7 existing resources, and may not accept any private donations or
8 contract with any health care provider, facility, or advocacy group
9 to implement this section.

10 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
11 amended by adding Section 531.0733 to read as follows:

12 Sec. 531.0733. STUDY REGARDING EFFECT OF CERTAIN
13 LEGISLATION. (a) The commission shall conduct an ongoing study to
14 gather data regarding:

15 (1) the effects of H.B. 2 and S.B. 1, Acts of the 83rd
16 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2013, or similar legislation of
17 the 83rd Legislature, 2nd Called Session, on licensed abortion
18 facilities, access to abortion services in the state, and the
19 number of abortions performed in the state; and

20 (2) the administrative penalties that are assessed as
21 a result of the legislation.

22 (b) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year,
23 the commission shall report the results of the study, its findings,
24 and recommendations to the legislature.

25 (c) The commission must implement this section using
26 existing resources, and may not accept any private donations or
27 contract with any health care provider, facility, or advocacy group

1 to implement this section.

2 SECTION 3. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this
3 section, this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of
4 the legislative session.

5 (b) Section 2 of this Act takes effect on the 91st day after
6 the last day of the legislative session, but only if H.B. 2 or S.B.
7 1, Acts of the 83rd Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2013, or
8 similar legislation of the 83rd Legislature, 2nd Called Session, is
9 enacted and becomes law. If H.B. 2 or S.B. 1, Acts of the 83rd
10 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2013, or similar legislation of
11 the 83rd Legislature, 2nd Called Session, does not become law,
12 Section 2 of this Act has no effect.