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S.B. No. 2381

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the development of a webpage and mobile application for the provision of pregnancy-related resources and information.

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

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

SUBCHAPTER X. PREGNANCY-RELATED RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

Sec. 161.701. PREGNANCY-RELATED RESOURCES AND INFORMATION WEBPAGE. (a) The commission, with assistance from the Department of Information Resources, shall develop and maintain on the Texas.gov Internet website a publicly accessible, mobile-friendly webpage of pregnancy-related resources and information, including any available:

(1) resources for:

(A) mental health counseling, pregnancy counseling, and other prenatal and postpartum services;

(B) mentorship opportunities, including pregnancy assistance and case management;

(C) health care and well-being services, including services for obstetrical and gynecological support, abortion pill reversal, breast-feeding assistance, health care, and dental care;

(D) financial assistance, employment opportunities, nutrition assistance, child care options, and

1 educational opportunities;

2 (E) legal services, including legal services for
3 child support, custody issues, family leave, and breast-feeding
4 protections;

5 (F) professional support, including tax
6 preparation;

7 (G) financial and housing assistance, including
8 assistance with food, nutrition, clothing, household goods, baby
9 supplies, housing options, shelter options, maternity home
10 options, and crisis pregnancy center options;

11 (H) recovery and mental health services,
12 including services for addiction or suicide intervention,
13 counseling services for victims of intimate partner violence,
14 sexual assault, or sex trafficking, and counseling services for the
15 unexpected loss of a child;

16 (I) prenatal diagnostic services and postnatal
17 pediatric hospice services, including newborn medical
18 interventions and supportive palliative care, and disability
19 support organizations;

20 (J) healing and support services for abortion
21 survivors and the survivors' families; and

22 (K) services related to providing care for
23 children, including services for public and private adoption,
24 kinship care, foster care, and short-term child care;

25 (2) information about:

26 (A) alternatives to abortion;

27 (B) abortion risks, including complications and

1 failures;

2 (C) child development beginning at conception;

3 (D) pregnancy wellness;

4 (E) family planning;

5 (F) the Healthy Texas Women program defined by
6 Section 32.151;

7 (G) the Alternatives to Abortion program
8 administered by the commission;

9 (H) safe haven laws, including safe haven baby
10 boxes, and emergency infant care providers; and

11 (I) any pregnancy-related services provided by a
12 county in this state; and

13 (3) any other resources or information considered
14 helpful to pregnant women.

15 (b) The webpage described by Subsection (a) must:

16 (1) through a series of questions, provide the person
17 accessing the webpage information tailored to the person's answers,
18 including information regarding risks related to abortion at all
19 stages of gestation;

20 (2) allow for webpage users to submit feedback
21 regarding whether the webpage is user-friendly and helpful in
22 providing tailored answers described by Subdivision (1); and

23 (3) include a tool to search for resources described
24 by Subsection (a) by zip code and county.

25 Sec. 161.702. PREGNANCY-RELATED RESOURCES AND INFORMATION
26 MOBILE APPLICATION. The commission, with assistance from the
27 Department of Information Resources, may develop a mobile

1 application that:

2 (1) provides the resources and information described
3 by Section 161.701(a); and

4 (2) satisfies the requirements described by Section
5 161.701(b).

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