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SENATE BILL 247

Short Title: Redirect Crisis Pregnancy Center Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Chitlik, Murdock, and Bradley (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 6, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT REDIRECTING FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, FOR CRISIS
PREGNANCY CENTERS TO INSTEAD BE USED TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF
EVIDENCE-BASED MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH PROGRAMS; REQUIRING
THE STATE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF CAROLINA PREGNANCY
CARE FELLOWSHIP; AND ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS FOR CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS THAT RECEIVE STATE
FUNDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**PART I. REDIRECT CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER FUNDS TO EVIDENCE-BASED
MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH PROGRAMS**

SECTION 1.(a) Section 9H.11 of S.L. 2023-134 is repealed.

SECTION 1.(b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, the sum of six million two hundred fifty
thousand dollars (\$6,250,000) in recurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and the sum of six
million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$6,250,000) in recurring funds for the 2026-2027
fiscal year to be used to support the expansion of evidence-based maternal and infant health
programs and services administered by the Department of Health and Human Services.

SECTION 1.(c) This Part becomes effective July 1, 2025.

**PART II. REQUIRE THE STATE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF
CAROLINA PREGNANCY CARE FELLOWSHIP**

SECTION 2. By March 1, 2026, the State Auditor shall conduct a financial statement
audit of Carolina Pregnancy Care Fellowship, a nonprofit corporation. The State Auditor shall
report the results of the audit to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human
Services and the Fiscal Research Division.

**PART III. ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CRISIS
PREGNANCY CENTERS THAT RECEIVE STATE FUNDS**

SECTION 3.(a) Chapter 131E of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
section to read:

"§ 131E-269.5. Crisis pregnancy centers; reporting requirements.

**(a) Definitions. – As used in this section, the following terms have the following
meanings:**



- (1) Crisis pregnancy center. – Any nonprofit organization that holds itself out as providing services to pregnant women through pregnancy, birth, and the postpartum period, including a birthing center, clinic, community-based organization, or faith-based organization that holds itself out as providing pregnancy counseling services, pregnancy testing, and other nonmedical pregnancy services. The term does not include a hospital, as defined in G.S. 131E-76, or an ambulatory surgical facility, as defined in G.S. 131E-106.
- (2) Fiscal year. – The annual operating year of the crisis pregnancy center.
- (3) State financial assistance. – State funds disbursed to a crisis pregnancy center as a grant, cooperative agreement, noncash contribution, or direct appropriation to a crisis pregnancy center.
- (4) State funds. – As defined in G.S. 143C-1-1(d)(25).
- (b) Reporting Requirements. – In addition to the reporting requirements specified in 09 NCAC 03M .0205, each crisis pregnancy center that is a recipient or subrecipient of any amount of State financial assistance shall submit a report to the Department of Health and Human Services, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division within 60 days after the end of the fiscal year in which the crisis pregnancy center received State financial assistance. The report shall include all of the following information with respect to the fiscal year in which the State financial assistance was received:
- (1) The name of the center and each location where the center conducts business or provides services.
- (2) The total amount of State funds, federal funds, tax subsidies, or other subsidies, if any, the center received, directly or indirectly, broken down by location if the center conducts business or provides services at more than one location.
- (3) An explanation of whether the center is part of a larger umbrella organization that operates within the State and, if so, the total amount of State and federal funds or taxes or other subsidies, if any, the umbrella organization received, directly or indirectly, broken down by location if the umbrella organization conducts business or provides services at more than one location.
- (4) An explanation of all services provided at the center and what services were most frequently sought at the center, broken down by location if the center conducts business or provides services at more than one location.
- (5) The number of women who accessed services provided at the center during the fiscal year, the geographic regions of the State where these women reside, the distance from the center to the nearest licensed health care facility that provides the same services offered at the center, the price of each service offered at the center, and basic demographic information about each of the women who accessed services provided at the center, including their race, age, and marital status. Basic demographic information included in any report required by this subdivision shall be published in the aggregate without any personal identifying information.
- (6) An explanation of whether the center holds itself out to the public, either in person, through community participation or events, or through advertising or websites, as a medical facility, health care facility, or other entity that provides comprehensive counseling about all pregnancy options.
- (7) An explanation of whether women seeking or accessing services at the center are also seeking comprehensive counseling services about pregnancy options or pregnancy services at a licensed health care facility and, if so, whether these women have experienced a delay in receiving health care, including abortion or the initiation of prenatal care, due to a visit to a center.

- 1 (8) An explanation of whether the center enrolls women in any public benefits
2 programs or connects women to other services and, if so, identification of
3 which programs and services.
- 4 (9) The nature of information provided to clients or potential clients at the center
5 and an explanation of whether the center has operational manuals, handbooks,
6 or guidelines related to the provision of services to clients.
- 7 (10) The number of professional and volunteer staff who provide health care or
8 counseling services at the center who are licensed by the State of North
9 Carolina to provide such services, broken down by professional title and
10 location if the center has more than one location. In reporting this information,
11 the center shall specify the number of professional and volunteer staff who are
12 on-site at the center during regular business hours and whether the center
13 informs women whether the individuals on-site providing services are
14 licensed professionals or volunteers.
- 15 (11) A description of any health or other information the center collects from
16 women accessing the services of the center, how the center stores and uses
17 medical and other client records, and whether the medical records are in
18 compliance with federal and State law governing medical privacy."

19 **SECTION 3.(b)** G.S. 131E-269.5, as enacted by subsection (a) of this section,
20 applies to any crisis pregnancy center that receives State financial assistance on or after July 1,
21 2025. As used in this section, the terms "crisis pregnancy center" and "State financial assistance"
22 have the same meanings as in G.S. 131E-269.5, as enacted by subsection (a) of this section.
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24 **PART IV. EFFECTIVE DATE**

25 **SECTION 4.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
26 law.