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Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services (Book)  
recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 95 and 96

insert:

Section 2. (1) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
Government Accountability (OPPAGA) shall conduct a study of the  
pregnancy support services program to evaluate the effectiveness  
and cost efficiency of the program and provide recommendations  
on whether the program should be continued or eliminated. The  
report must include information about the Florida Pregnancy Care



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11 Network, its affiliated pregnancy support and resource  
12 organizations, and any other subcontractors to whom state funds  
13 are expended for pregnancy support services. The report must  
14 also include the total amount of state funds appropriated and  
15 expended by fiscal year for the pregnancy support services  
16 program since its inception.

17 (2) As part of the study, OPPAGA must assess the  
18 effectiveness of the Department of Health's financial and  
19 administrative oversight and monitoring of the network.

20 (3) As part of determining the effectiveness of the  
21 program, the study must include, but need not be limited to,  
22 gathering information pertaining to:

23 (a) The use of state funding by the department, the  
24 network, and subcontractors, and how expenditures are tracked  
25 and accounted for through items such as financial statements or  
26 expenditure reports.

27 (b) The percentage of funding used for:

28 1. Direct client services, including the average amount of  
29 a voucher provided to eligible clients for services;

30 2. Wellness services;

31 3. Program awareness activities; and

32 4. Communication activities.

33 (c) The performance and outcome measures used by the  
34 department and the network to ensure quality of care, client  
35 satisfaction, and positive health outcomes for eligible clients,  
36 including the most recent results.

37 (d) The methods used by the department and the network to  
38 ensure that eligible clients receive accurate medical  
39 information.



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40 (e) The methods used by the department and the network to  
41 resolve complaints and grievances, including information about  
42 the number of complaints and grievances received and their  
43 disposition.

44 (f) Network adequacy standards used to ensure the  
45 availability of pregnancy support and wellness services for  
46 eligible clients.

47 (g) Fraud and abuse measures implemented by the department  
48 and the network to ensure program accountability and to prevent  
49 waste of state funds.

50 (h) For the most recently completed fiscal year, if a  
51 corrective action plan or sanction was imposed on the network or  
52 its subcontractors, a description, the outcome, and the amount  
53 of monetary fines or penalties, if any.

54 (i) The controls used by the department to ensure that  
55 services provided by the network and its subcontractors are  
56 provided in a noncoercive manner and do not include any  
57 religious content. Such services may include client interviews  
58 or surveys.

59 (j) The educational and medical qualifications of the  
60 network's staff or the staff of the subcontractors who interact  
61 with eligible clients.

62 (k) Citations of any medical statements included in  
63 informational materials provided by the network or its  
64 subcontractors to an eligible client.

65 (l) Information about the ownership of each subcontractor  
66 and any financial or ownership interests with providers who  
67 receive vouchers to provide services to eligible clients.

68 (m) Other audits, evaluative reports, or information



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69 pertaining to the pregnancy support services program to ensure  
70 the delivery of high-quality, cost-effective services to  
71 eligible clients.

72 (4) If OPPAGA recommends program continuation, it shall  
73 include recommendations for program improvement and methods to  
74 ensure that eligible clients have access to the full range of  
75 referral information to make reproductive health decisions.

76 (5) OPPAGA shall submit a report with its findings and  
77 recommendations to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of  
78 the House of Representatives, and the standing legislative  
79 committees that have substantive jurisdiction over health care  
80 services by January 1, 2018.

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82 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

83 And the title is amended as follows:

84 Delete line 16

85 and insert:

86 religious content; requiring the Office of Program  
87 Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to  
88 conduct a study to evaluate the effectiveness and cost  
89 efficiency of the pregnancy support services program  
90 and provide recommendations on whether the program  
91 should be continued; providing criteria to be included  
92 in the study and in a report; requiring the report to  
93 be submitted to the Legislature by a specified date;  
94 providing an effective date.