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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to the pregnancy support services;  
3 creating s. 381.96, F.S.; providing definitions;  
4 requiring the Department of Health to contract with a  
5 not-for-profit statewide alliance of organizations to  
6 provide pregnancy support services through  
7 subcontractors; providing duties of the department;  
8 providing contract requirements; requiring the  
9 contractor to spend a specified percentage of funds on  
10 direct client services; requiring the contractor to  
11 annually monitor subcontractors; providing for  
12 subcontractor background screenings under certain  
13 circumstances; specifying the entities eligible for a  
14 subcontract; requiring services to be provided in a  
15 noncoercive manner and forbidding the inclusion of  
16 religious content; providing an effective date.

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18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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20 Section 1. Section 381.96, Florida Statutes, is created to  
21 read:

22 381.96 Pregnancy support services.—

23 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

24 (a) "Department" means the Department of Health.

25 (b) "Eligible client" means a pregnant woman or a woman who  
26 suspects she is pregnant, and the family of such woman, who  
27 voluntarily seeks pregnancy support services. The woman and her  
28 family shall continue to be eligible clients for no more than 12  
29 months after the birth of the child.

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30 (c) "Florida Pregnancy Care Network, Inc.," or "network"  
31 means the not-for-profit statewide alliance of pregnancy support  
32 organizations that provide pregnancy support services through a  
33 comprehensive system of care to women and their families.

34 (d) "Pregnancy support services" means services that  
35 promote and encourage childbirth, including, but not limited to:

36 1. Direct client services, such as pregnancy testing,  
37 counseling, referral, training, and education for pregnant women  
38 and their families.

39 2. Program awareness activities, including a promotional  
40 campaign to educate the public about the pregnancy support  
41 services offered by the network and a website that provides  
42 information on the location of providers in the user's area, as  
43 well as other available community resources.

44 3. Communication activities, including the operation and  
45 maintenance of a hotline or call center with a single statewide  
46 toll-free number which is available 24 hours a day for an  
47 eligible client to obtain the location and contact information  
48 for a pregnancy center located in his or her area.

49 (e) "Wellness services" means services or activities  
50 intended to maintain and improve health or prevent illness and  
51 injury, including, but not limited to, high blood pressure  
52 screening, flu vaccines, anemia testing, thyroid screening,  
53 cholesterol screening, diabetes screening, assistance with  
54 smoking cessation, and tetanus vaccines.

55 (2) DEPARTMENT DUTIES.—The department shall contract with  
56 the network for the management and delivery of pregnancy support  
57 services to eligible clients.

58 (3) CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS.—The department contract shall

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59 specify the contract deliverables, including financial reports  
60 and other reports due to the department, timeframes for  
61 achieving contractual obligations, and any other requirements  
62 the department determines are necessary, such as staffing and  
63 location requirements. The contract shall require the network  
64 to:

65 (a) Establish, implement, and monitor a comprehensive  
66 system of care through subcontractors to meet the pregnancy  
67 support and wellness needs of eligible clients.

68 (b) Establish and manage subcontracts with a sufficient  
69 number of providers to ensure the availability of pregnancy  
70 support and wellness services for eligible clients, and maintain  
71 and manage the delivery of such services throughout the contract  
72 period.

73 (c) Spend at least 90 percent of the contract funds on  
74 pregnancy support and wellness services.

75 (d) Offer wellness services through vouchers or other  
76 appropriate arrangements that allow the purchase of services  
77 from qualified health care providers.

78 (e) Require a background screening under s. 943.0542 for  
79 all paid staff and volunteers of a subcontractor if such staff  
80 or volunteers provide direct client services to an eligible  
81 client who is a minor or an elderly person or who has a  
82 disability.

83 (f) Annually monitor its subcontractors and specify the  
84 sanctions that shall be imposed for noncompliance with the terms  
85 of a subcontract.

86 (g) Subcontract only with providers that exclusively  
87 promote and support childbirth.

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88       (h) Ensure that informational materials provided to an  
89 eligible client by a provider are current and accurate and cite  
90 the reference source of any medical statement included in such  
91 materials.

92       (4) SERVICES.—Services provided pursuant to this section  
93 must be provided in a noncoercive manner and may not include any  
94 religious content.

95       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.