

REFERENCE TITLE: website; adoption information; task force

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Introduced by
Senator Barto

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 36-2153.01; RELATING TO ABORTION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 20, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-2153.01, to read:

4 36-2153.01. Website information; agencies providing support
5 for pregnant women; adoption information

6 A. ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2022, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
7 SHALL PROVIDE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC WEBSITE HOME PAGE THE FOLLOWING
8 EASILY COMPREHENSIBLE INFORMATION, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH:

9 1. A LIST OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO
10 ASSIST A WOMAN THROUGH PREGNANCY, ON CHILDBIRTH AND WHILE HER CHILD IS
11 DEPENDENT. ANY AGENCY THAT COUNSELS, REFERS, PERFORMS, INDUCES,
12 PRESCRIBES OR PROVIDES ANY MEANS FOR ABORTION MAY NOT BE INCLUDED ON THE
13 LIST.

14 2. EACH AGENCY'S SERVICES, PHYSICAL ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND
15 WEBSITE ADDRESS, IF AVAILABLE.

16 3. INFORMATION ON AND A LINK TO A SEPARATE FEATURED WEBPAGE THAT IS
17 ACCESSIBLE BY REDIRECTING FROM THE DOMAIN NAME ADOPTIONOPTION.AZ.GOV AND
18 THAT LISTS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

19 (a) PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT ADOPTION AGENCIES THAT ARE NOT AFFILIATED
20 WITH AN ABORTION PROVIDER AND THAT ARE ARRANGED GEOGRAPHICALLY. THE LINK
21 SHALL INCLUDE THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBSECTION.

22 (b) EASILY COMPREHENSIBLE FIRST STEPS TO ASSIST A PREGNANT WOMAN
23 SEEKING TO CONFIDENTIALLY EXPLORE THE OPTION OF PLACING HER CHILD FOR
24 ADOPTION.

25 (c) WHETHER THE ADOPTION AGENCY ALLOWS THE WOMAN TO CHOOSE THE
26 ADOPTIVE PARENTS.

27 (d) AGENCIES THAT OFFER OBSTETRIC ULTRASOUNDS FREE OF CHARGE.

28 (e) AGENCIES THAT OFFER CONFIDENTIAL COUNSELING FREE OF CHARGE TO A
29 WOMAN CONSIDERING PLACING HER CHILD FOR ADOPTION.

30 B. ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS
31 SECTION SHALL BE AVAILABLE IN AN EASILY DOWNLOADABLE PRINTED FORMAT.

32 Sec. 2. Adoption promotion task force; appointments; duties;
33 compensation; delayed repeal

34 A. The adoption promotion task force is established in the
35 department of health services consisting of the following members:

36 1. Two licensed clinical social workers who have experience in
37 assisting birth mothers in navigating the adoption process, one of whom is
38 appointed by the president of the senate and one of whom is appointed by
39 the speaker of the house of representatives.

40 2. Two residents of this state who provide preabortion or
41 postabortion counseling in association with a nonprofit organization that
42 does not counsel for or provide abortion, one of whom is appointed by the
43 president of the senate and one of whom is appointed by the speaker of the
44 house of representatives.

1 3. Two attorneys who are licensed in this state and who specialize
2 either in advocating for women at risk of being coerced into abortion or
3 in navigating the adoption process, one of whom is appointed by the
4 president of the senate and one of whom is appointed by the speaker of the
5 house of representatives.

6 4. Two residents of this state who are employed by public or
7 private nonprofit adoption agencies, one of whom is appointed by the
8 president of the senate and one of whom is appointed by the speaker of the
9 house of representatives.

10 5. Two executive directors, or their designees, of nonprofit
11 organizations that promote adoption as an alternative to abortion, one of
12 whom is appointed by the president of the senate and one of whom is
13 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

14 6. Two members of the senate, who are appointed by the president of
15 the senate.

16 7. Two members of the house of representatives, who are appointed
17 by the speaker of the house of representatives.

18 B. The adoption promotion task force shall advise the department of
19 health services on:

20 1. Preparing the website information required by section
21 36-2153.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

22 2. Developing a public education initiative to promote adoption.

23 C. Members of the task force are not eligible to receive
24 compensation but are eligible for reimbursement of expenses pursuant to
25 title 38, chapter 4, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes.

26 D. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2022.