

SENATE BILL 660

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By: **Senator Kelley**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Support Act**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Family Planning and Reproductive Health
4 Program in the Family Health Administration; providing for the purpose of the
5 Program; requiring the Program to provide certain family planning services;
6 requiring the Program to be operated through certain clinics and agencies;
7 requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in collaboration with
8 the Department of Human Resources and the State Department of Education,
9 to establish a program to increase educational supports for certain adolescents;
10 providing for the purpose of the program; requiring the program to be offered in
11 a certain number of jurisdictions in the State; requiring the program to enroll
12 certain adolescents and to include certain services; authorizing the Department
13 of Health and Mental Hygiene to contract with an entity to design and
14 implement the program and to provide certain services; requiring the Family
15 Health Administration, in collaboration with the Department of Human
16 Resources, to develop and implement a program to reduce teen pregnancy that
17 focuses on engaging fathers; providing for the purpose of the program; requiring
18 the program to include certain education, training, and services; authorizing the
19 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to contract with an entity to design
20 and implement the program and an independent evaluator to design and
21 implement an evaluation plan; requiring the Department of Health and Mental
22 Hygiene to develop a certain public education campaign; authorizing the
23 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to collaborate with an entity to
24 develop the public education campaign; requiring the Governor to include
25 certain funding in the annual budget bill for a certain purpose; and generally
26 relating to family support services.

27 BY adding to

28 Article – Health – General

29 Section 20–1301 through 20–1305 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 13.

30 Family Support Services”

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

3 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
4 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

5 **Article - Health - General**

6 **SUBTITLE 13. FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES.**

7 **20-1301.**

8 (A) **THERE IS A FAMILY PLANNING AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**
9 **PROGRAM IN THE FAMILY HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.**

10 (B) **THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:**

11 (1) **REDUCE UNINTENDED PREGNANCY; AND**

12 (2) **IMPROVE PREGNANCY OUTCOMES BY ASSURING THAT**
13 **COMPREHENSIVE, QUALITY FAMILY PLANNING AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**
14 **SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE AND ACCESSIBLE IN THE STATE.**

15 (C) **THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES,**
16 **INCLUDING:**

17 (1) **PRECONCEPTION HEALTH;**

18 (2) **TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION;**

19 (3) **REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH; AND**

20 (4) **SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE SCREENING AND**
21 **TREATMENT.**

22 (D) **THE PROGRAM SHALL BE OPERATED THROUGH LOCAL HEALTH**
23 **DEPARTMENT CLINICS AND OTHER PRIVATE OR PUBLIC NONPROFIT AGENCIES.**

24 **20-1302.**

25 (A) **THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT**
26 **OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SHALL**
27 **ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO INCREASE EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS FOR**
28 **ADOLESCENTS WHO ARE AT RISK OF RECURRING PREGNANCIES.**

1 **(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO EXPAND ADULT EDUCATION**
2 **SERVICES, CHILD CARE, TRANSPORTATION, AND OTHER SUPPORTS NEEDED TO**
3 **INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ADOLESCENT PARENTS WHO REMAIN ENROLLED IN**
4 **SCHOOL.**

5 **(C) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE OFFERED AT TWO JURISDICTIONS IN THE**
6 **STATE THAT HAVE DEMONSTRATED A HIGH RATE OF ADOLESCENT PARENTS.**

7 **(D) THE PROGRAM SHALL SEEK TO ENROLL ADOLESCENTS WHO ARE:**

8 **(1) PREGNANT OR A PARENT OF A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 4**
9 **YEARS; AND**

10 **(2) ENROLLED IN SCHOOL OR A RECENT DROPOUT.**

11 **(E) THE PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:**

12 **(1) PARENT EDUCATION;**

13 **(2) INFANT AND TODDLER PROGRAM SERVICES;**

14 **(3) SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAMMING, INCLUDING ADULT**
15 **EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY AND EMPLOYMENT READINESS;**

16 **(4) HEALTH EDUCATION, INCLUDING PREGNANCY PREVENTION;**

17 **(5) PARENT SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP;**

18 **(6) SERVICE COORDINATION; AND**

19 **(7) TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.**

20 **(F) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE MAY**
21 **CONTRACT WITH AN ENTITY TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM**
22 **REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION AND TO PROVIDE TRAINING, TECHNICAL**
23 **ASSISTANCE, MONITORING, AND EVALUATION SERVICES.**

24 **20-1303.**

25 **(A) THE FAMILY HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, IN COLLABORATION WITH**
26 **THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A**
27 **PROGRAM TO REDUCE TEEN PREGNANCY THAT FOCUSES ON ENGAGING**
28 **FATHERS.**

1 **(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCES OF**
2 **RECURRING TEEN PREGNANCY AMONG FATHERS ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM.**

3 **(C) THE PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE:**

4 **(1) EDUCATION FOR FATHERS AND COUPLES ON UNWANTED**
5 **PREGNANCY PREVENTION THROUGH CURRICULUM SESSIONS ON REDUCING**
6 **ADOLESCENT PREGNANCIES;**

7 **(2) TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR MATERNAL AND**
8 **CHILD HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS ON METHODS TO ENGAGE FATHERS; AND**

9 **(3) WRAPAROUND SERVICES FOR FATHERS REFERRED BY**
10 **MATERNAL AND CHILD ORGANIZATIONS BY ENROLLING THE FATHERS IN**
11 **RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD PROJECTS.**

12 **(D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONTRACT WITH:**

13 **(1) AN ENTITY TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM**
14 **REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND**

15 **(2) AN INDEPENDENT EVALUATOR TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT**
16 **AN EVALUATION PLAN FOR THE PROGRAM.**

17 **20-1304.**

18 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A STATEWIDE TEEN**
19 **PREGNANCY PREVENTION PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN THAT USES MASS**
20 **MEDIA, EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL PROGRAMS, AND PARENT COMMUNICATION**
21 **TECHNIQUES.**

22 **(B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY COLLABORATE WITH AN ENTITY TO**
23 **DEVELOP THE PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

24 **20-1305.**

25 **(A) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE AN APPROPRIATION OF**
26 **\$1,000,000 IN GENERAL FUNDS IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL FOR THE**
27 **PROGRAMS AND PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS**
28 **SUBTITLE.**

29 **(B) THE APPROPRIATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) SHALL**
30 **SUPPLEMENT AND MAY NOT SUPPLANT OTHER FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THE**
31 **BUDGET FOR FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 July 1, 2008.