

HOUSE BILL 437

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By: **Delegate Rosenberg**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2015

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Maryland Teenage Pregnancy**
3 **Prevention Grant Program**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Grant
5 Program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; requiring the
6 Department to administer the Program to provide grants and contracts on a
7 competitive basis to fund certain programs; requiring the Department, in evaluating
8 whether a certain program is modeled on a program that has been proven effective,
9 to deem effective certain programs; providing for the funding of the Program; and
10 generally relating to the Maryland Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Grant Program.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Health – General
13 Section 20–1601 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 16. Maryland Teenage
14 Pregnancy Prevention Grant Program”
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

17 Preamble

18 WHEREAS, The State of Maryland should provide funding for evidence–based
19 teenage pregnancy prevention programs; and

20 WHEREAS, The federal government has successfully implemented evidence–based
21 approaches to expand social programs that work and eliminate programs that do not work;
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23 WHEREAS, The federal government has developed and implemented Teen
24 Pregnancy Prevention, an evidence–based teenage pregnancy prevention program; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, The federal Teen Pregnancy Prevention program is based on a
2 two-tiered structure, with tier one reserved for replication of programs identified by the
3 United States Department of Health and Human Services as evidence based, and tier two
4 for research and demonstration programs intended primarily to allow for development of
5 additional model programs and innovation strategies to prevent teen pregnancy; and

6 WHEREAS, The United States Congress, as part of the Consolidated Appropriations
7 Act, 2010 (P.L. 111-117), provided funding for grants and contracts, on a competitive basis,
8 to fund medically accurate and age-appropriate programs that reduce teen pregnancy; and

9 WHEREAS, The State of Maryland should base new evidence-based teenage
10 pregnancy prevention programs on the Teen Pregnancy Prevention program developed by
11 the federal government; now, therefore,

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

14 **Article – Health – General**

15 **SUBTITLE 16. MARYLAND TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM.**

16 **20-1601.**

17 **(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION GRANT**
18 **PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.**

19 **(B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE MARYLAND**
20 **TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS AND**
21 **CONTRACTS ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS TO FUND:**

22 **(I) TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROGRAMS THAT**
23 **REPLICATE ONE OR MORE ELEMENTS OF TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION**
24 **PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN PROVEN EFFECTIVE THROUGH RIGOROUS**
25 **EVALUATION TO REDUCE TEENAGE PREGNANCY OR BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTORS**
26 **UNDERLYING TEENAGE PREGNANCY; AND**

27 **(II) TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION RESEARCH AND**
28 **DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS TO:**

29 **1. DEVELOP, REPLICATE, REFINE, AND TEST**
30 **ADDITIONAL MODELS AND INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTING TEENAGE**
31 **PREGNANCY; AND**

32 **2. CONDUCT EVALUATIONS OF TEENAGE PREGNANCY**
33 **PREVENTION APPROACHES, INCLUDING LONGITUDINAL EVALUATIONS.**

1 **(2) IN EVALUATING WHETHER A TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION**
2 **PROGRAM IS MODELED ON A PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN PROVEN EFFECTIVE, THE**
3 **DEPARTMENT SHALL DEEM EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS THAT ARE IDENTIFIED AS**
4 **EFFECTIVE EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAM MODELS BY AND DESCRIBED ON THE WEB**
5 **SITE OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,**
6 **OFFICE OF ADOLESCENT HEALTH, TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION PROGRAM.**

7 **(C) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2017 AND FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR**
8 **THEREAFTER, THE MARYLAND TEENAGE PREGNANCY PREVENTION GRANT**
9 **PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE STATE BUDGET.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2015.