

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued**

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<b>Action:</b>	Without Recommendation as to Passage, but with Amendments and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the President's Desk for Referral to Another Committee
<b>Vote:</b>	3 - 2 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Shields, Steiner Hayward, Monnes Anderson
<b>Nays:</b>	Knopp, Kruse
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/1, 4/9

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires entity advertising and providing specified health services to provide notices and disclosures about nature of services. Prohibits entity from disclosing health information about patron receiving services without written consent of patron. Requires entity to provide health information to patron upon request. Imposes civil penalties for violations. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Understanding pregnancy services being offered
- Transparency and appropriate medical staff
- Women in crisis
- Personal testimony on experiences with crisis pregnancy centers
- Freedom of speech and discrimination
- Ideology differences
- Non-profit organizations
- Current information being provided
- Lawsuits in other states
- Crisis pregnancy centers support

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Deletes posting requirement at all entrances to premises.

**BACKGROUND:** Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPCs) often are non-profit organizations established to counsel pregnant women about pregnancy options other than having an abortion. CPCs generally provide peer counseling related to abortion, pregnancy, and childbirth, and may also offer additional non-medical services such as financial assistance, child-rearing resources, and adoption referrals. CPCs that qualify as medical clinics may also provide pregnancy testing, sonograms, and other services; however, the majority of CPCs are not licensed medical clinics and provide no medical services.

There are approximately 4,000 CPCs in the United States offering services to women. As non-licensed entities, states and localities have limited ability to provide oversight in order to ensure that consumers are receiving medically accurate information about pregnancy options. Senate Bill 490-A increases transparency relating to health services provided at CPCs and prohibits disclosure of consumers' health information.

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