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To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide more opportunities for mothers to succeed, and for other purposes.

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A BILL

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide more opportunities for mothers to succeed, and for other purposes.

- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- 4 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
- 5 "More Opportunities for Moms to Succeed Act" or the
- 6 "MOMS Act".
- 7 (b) Table of Contents for
- 8 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—FEDERAL CLEARINGHOUSE OF RESOURCES FOR EXPECTING MOMS

- Sec. 101. Pregnancy.gov.
- Sec. 102. National list of licensed child placement agencies.
- Sec. 103. List of funding opportunities available to pregnancy support centers.

TITLE II—IMPROVING ACCESS TO PRENATAL AND POSTNATAL RESOURCES

- Sec. 201. Positive alternatives for women.
- Sec. 202. Improving access to prenatal and postnatal telehealth care.

TITLE III—UNBORN CHILD SUPPORT

Sec. 301. Child support enforcement on behalf of unborn children.

1 TITLE I—FEDERAL CLEARING-

- 2 HOUSE OF RESOURCES FOR
- 3 **EXPECTING MOMS**
- 4 SEC. 101. PREGNANCY.GOV.
- 5 The Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et
- 6 seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 "TITLE XXXIV—RESOURCE

8 DIRECTORY FOR MOMS

- 9 "SEC. 3401. ESTABLISHMENT OF PREGNANCY.GOV
- 10 WEBSITE.
- 11 "(a) Website.—Not later than 1 year after the date
- 12 of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall publish
- 13 a public website entitled 'pregnancy.gov'. The Secretary
- 14 may not delegate implementation or administration of the
- 15 website below the level of the Office of the Secretary. The
- 16 website shall include the following:

- 1 "(1) A clearinghouse of relevant resources 2 available for pregnant and postpartum women, and 3 women parenting young children.
 - "(2) A series of questions through which a user is able to generate a list of relevant resources of interest within the user's ZIP Code.
 - "(3) A means to direct the user to identify whether to list the relevant resources of interest that are available online or within 1, 5, 10, 50, and 100 miles of the user.
 - "(4) A mechanism for users to take an assessment through the website and provide consent to use the user's contact information, which the Secretary may use to conduct outreach via phone or email to follow up with users on additional resources that would be helpful for the users to review.

"(b) Resource List Aggregation.—

- "(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall invite each State to provide recommendations of relevant resources referred to in subsection (a)(3) for such State.
- "(2) Criteria for making recommendations.—The Secretary shall develop criteria to provide to the States to determine whether resources recommended as described in paragraph (1) should

1	appear on the website. Such criteria shall include the
2	requirement that the relevant resource is not a pro-
3	hibited entity.
4	"(3) Grant Program.—
5	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
6	provide grants to States to establish or support
7	a system that—
8	"(i) aggregates relevant resources re-
9	ferred to in subsection (a)(3), in accord-
10	ance with the criteria developed under
11	paragraph (2); and
12	"(ii) may be coordinated, to the extent
13	determined appropriate by the State, by a
14	statewide, regionally based, or community-
15	based public or private entity.
16	"(B) APPLICATIONS.—To be eligible to re-
17	ceive a grant under subparagraph (A), a State
18	shall submit an application to the Secretary at
19	such time, in such manner, and containing such
20	information as the Secretary may require, in-
21	cluding a plan for outreach and awareness ac-
22	tivities, and a list of relevant resources that
23	would be included in the State system sup-
24	ported by the grant.

1	"(c) Prohibition Regarding Certain Enti-
2	TIES.—Relevant resources listed on the website, and any
3	additional resources promoted by the Secretary, may not
4	include any resource offered by a prohibited entity. No
5	prohibited entity may receive a grant provided under sub-
6	section $(b)(3)$.
7	"(d) Services in Different Languages.—The
8	Secretary shall ensure that the website provides the widest
9	possible access to services for families who speak lan-
10	guages other than English.
11	"(e) Reporting Requirements.—
12	"(1) In general.—Not later than 180 days
13	after the date on which the website is established
14	under this section, the Secretary shall submit to
15	Congress a report on—
16	"(A) the traffic of the website;
17	"(B) user feedback on the accessibility and
18	helpfulness of the website in tailoring to the
19	user's needs;
20	"(C) insights on gaps in relevant resources
21	with respect to services for pregnant and
22	postpartum women, or women parenting young
23	children;
24	"(D) suggestions on how to improve user
25	experience and accessibility based on user feed-

1	back and missing resources that would be help-
2	ful to include in future updates; and
3	"(E) certification that no prohibited enti-
4	ties are listed as a relevant resource or are in
5	receipt of a grant under subsection (b)(3).
6	"(2) Confidentiality.—The report under
7	paragraph (1) shall not include any personal identi-
8	fying information regarding individuals who have
9	used the website.
10	"(f) Authorization of Appropriations.—To
11	carry out this section, there are authorized to be appro-
12	priated such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal
13	years 2025 through 2030.
14	"(g) Definitions.—In this section:
15	"(1) Abortion.—The term 'abortion' means
16	the use or prescription of any instrument, medicine,
17	drug, or any other substance or device to inten-
18	tionally—
19	"(A) kill the unborn child of a woman
20	known to be pregnant; or
21	"(B) terminate the pregnancy of a woman
22	known to be pregnant, with an intention other
23	than—

1	"(i) after viability, to produce a live
2	birth and preserve the life and health of
3	the child born alive;
4	"(ii) to remove a dead unborn child;
5	or
6	"(iii) to treat an ectopic pregnancy.
7	"(2) Born alive.—The term 'born alive' has
8	the meaning given such term in section 8(b) of title
9	1, United States Code.
10	"(3) Prohibited entity.—The term 'prohib-
11	ited entity' means an entity, including its affiliates,
12	subsidiaries, successors, and clinics, that performs,
13	induces, refers for, or counsels in favor of abortions,
14	or provides financial support to any other organiza-
15	tion that conducts such activities.
16	"(4) Relevant resources.—The term 'rel-
17	evant resources' means the Federal, State, local gov-
18	ernmental, and private resources that serve pregnant
19	and postpartum women, or women parenting young
20	children in the categories of the following topics:
21	"(A) Mentorship opportunities, including
22	pregnancy and parenting help and case man-
23	agement resources.
24	"(B) Health and well-being services, in-
25	cluding women's medical services such as ob-

- stetrical and gynecological support services for women, abortion pill reversal, breastfeeding, general health services, primary care, and dental care.
 - "(C) Financial assistance, work opportunities, nutrition assistance, childcare, and education opportunities for parents.
 - "(D) Material or legal support, including transportation, food, nutrition, clothing, household goods, baby supplies, housing, shelters, maternity homes, tax preparation, legal support for child support, family leave, breastfeeding protections, and custody issues.
 - "(E) Recovery and mental health services, including services with respect to addiction or suicide intervention, intimate partner violence, sexual assault, rape, sex trafficking, and counseling for women and families surrounding unexpected loss of a child.
 - "(F) Prenatal diagnostic services, including disability support organizations, medical interventions for a baby, perinatal hospice resources, pregnancy and infant loss support, and literature on pregnancy wellness.

1	"(G) Healing and support services for
2	abortion survivors and their families.
3	"(H) Services providing childcare, adop-
4	tion, foster care, and short term childcare serv-
5	ices and resources.
6	"(I) Comprehensive information on alter-
7	natives to abortion.
8	"(J) Information about abortion risks, in-
9	cluding complications and failures.
10	"(K) Links to information on child devel-
11	opment from moment of conception.
12	"(5) Unborn Child.—The term 'unborn child'
13	has the meaning given such term in section 1841(d)
14	of title 18, United States Code.
15	"(6) Website.—The term 'website' means the
16	public website entitled 'pregnancy.gov' required to be
17	established under subsection (a).".
18	SEC. 102. NATIONAL LIST OF LICENSED CHILD PLACEMENT
19	AGENCIES.
20	(a) In General.—Section 474 of the Social Security
21	Act (42 U.S.C. 674) is amended by adding at the end the
22	following:
23	"(h) NATIONAL LIST OF LICENSED CHILD PLACE-
24	MENT AGENCIES.—
25	"(1) State reporting.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than Janu-1 2 ary 1 of each fiscal year, a State with a plan 3 approved under this part for the fiscal year 4 shall submit to the Secretary a list of private 5 child placement agencies that, as of the end of 6 the preceding fiscal year, were licensed or ac-7 credited by, and in good standing with, the 8 State and exempt from Federal income tax by 9 reason of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Rev-10 enue Code of 1986.

- "(B) CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY.—In subparagraph (A), the term 'child placement agency' means an agency that places children in prospective adoptive homes.
- "(2) NATIONAL LIST.—The Secretary, through the United States Children's Bureau, shall compile and maintain on the public website entitled 'pregnancy.gov' required to be established under title XXXIV of the Public Health Service Act, a publicly available list consisting of each list most recently submitted by a State under paragraph (1).
- "(3) Annual reports to congress.—Not later than the 2nd December 31 after the date of the enactment of this subsection, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Con-

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- 1 gress a written report that contains the list main-
- 2 tained under paragraph (2) and identifies any child
- 3 placement agency that is licensed by a State and is
- 4 not on the list, and a specification of any discipli-
- 5 nary actions that a State has taken against a private
- 6 child placement agency.".
- 7 (b) Loss of Eligibility for Adoption and
- 8 Legal Guardianship Incentive Payments for Fail-
- 9 URE OF STATE TO COMPLY WITH LIST SUBMISSION RE-
- 10 QUIREMENT.—Section 473A(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
- 11 673b(b)) is amended—
- 12 (1) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph
- 13 (3);
- 14 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
- graph (4) and inserting "; and"; and
- 16 (3) by adding at the end the following:
- 17 "(5) the State has complied with section
- 474(h)(1) with respect to the preceding fiscal year.".
- 19 SEC. 103. LIST OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
- 20 TO PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTERS.
- 21 Title XXXIV of the Public Health Service Act (as
- 22 added by section 101) is amended by adding at the end
- 23 the following:

1	"SEC. 3402. LIST OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
2	TO PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTERS.
3	"The Secretary shall compile and maintain on the
4	public website entitled 'pregnancy.gov' required to be es-
5	tablished under section 3401, a publicly available list of
6	Federal funding opportunities available to nonprofit and
7	health care entities for pregnancy support services that
8	offer or provide the relevant resources (as defined in sub-
9	section (g) of such section).".
10	TITLE II—IMPROVING ACCESS
11	TO PRENATAL AND POST-
12	NATAL RESOURCES
13	SEC. 201. POSITIVE ALTERNATIVES FOR WOMEN.
14	(a) Program Authority.—
15	(1) Purpose.—The purpose of grants under
16	this section shall be to support, encourage, and as-
17	sist women—
18	(A) to carry their pregnancies to term; and
19	(B) to care for themselves and their babies
20	after birth.
21	(2) Grants.—For the purpose described in
22	paragraph (1), the Secretary shall award grants to
23	eligible entities described in subsection (b) to provide
24	information on, referral to, and direct services as de-
25	scribed in subsection (c).
26	(b) Eligibility.—

1	(1) Eligible entities.—To be eligible for a
2	grant under this section, an entity shall—
3	(A) be a nonprofit organization;
4	(B) support, encourage, and assist women
5	as described in subsection (a)(1);
6	(C) agree to be subject to such monitoring
7	and review as the Secretary may require under
8	subsection (g);
9	(D) agree to not charge women for services
10	provided through the grant;
11	(E) provide each pregnant woman coun-
12	seled through the grant with accurate informa-
13	tion on the developmental characteristics of ba-
14	bies and of unborn children, including offering
15	printed information; and
16	(F) have a privacy policy and procedures
17	in place to ensure that—
18	(i) the name, address, telephone num-
19	ber, or any other information that might
20	identify any woman seeking services sup-
21	ported through the grant is not made pub-
22	lic or shared with any other entity without
23	the written consent of the woman; and
24	(ii) the grantee adheres to require-
25	ments comparable to those applicable

1	under the HIPAA privacy regulation (as
2	defined in section 1180(b)(3) of the Social
3	Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320d-9(b)(3)))
4	to covered entities (as defined for purposes
5	of such regulation).
6	(2) Ineligible entities.—An entity shall be
7	ineligible to receive a grant under this section if the
8	entity or any affiliate, subsidiary, successor, or clinic
9	thereof—
10	(A) performs, induces, refers for, or coun-
11	sels in favor of abortions; or
12	(B) provides financial support to any other
13	entity that conducts any activity described in
14	subparagraph (A).
15	(3) Financial records.—As a condition on
16	receipt of a grant under this section, an eligible enti-
17	ty shall agree to maintain and make available to the
18	Secretary records, including financial records, that
19	demonstrate that the entity satisfies the require-
20	ments of paragraph (1) and is not ineligible by oper-
21	ation of paragraph (2).
22	(c) Covered Services.—
23	(1) REQUIRED INFORMATION AND REFER-
24	RAL.—For the purpose described in subsection
25	(a)(1), an eligible entity receiving a grant under this

1	section shall use the grant to provide to pregnant
2	and postpartum women, or women parenting young
3	children, information on, and referral to, each of the
4	following services:
5	(A) Medical care.
6	(B) Nutritional services.
7	(C) Housing assistance.
8	(D) Adoption services.
9	(E) Education and employment assistance,
10	including services that support the continuation
11	and completion of high school.
12	(F) Child care assistance.
13	(G) Parenting education and support serv-
14	ices.
15	(H) Voluntary substance abuse counseling
16	and treatment.
17	(2) Permissible direct provision of serv-
18	ICES.—For the purpose described in subsection
19	(a)(1), in addition to using a grant under this sec-
20	tion as described in paragraph (1), an eligible entity
21	receiving a grant under this section may use the
22	grant for the direct provision of one or more services
23	listed in paragraph (1).
24	(d) Prohibited Uses of Funds.—None of the
25	funds made available under this section shall be used—

1	(1) for health benefits coverage that includes
2	coverage of abortion;
3	(2) for providing or assisting a woman to obtain
4	adoption services from a provider of adoption serv-
5	ices that is not licensed; and
6	(3) for any of the activities described in sub-
7	section $(b)(2)$.
8	(e) Consideration.—In selecting the recipients of
9	grants under this section, the Secretary shall consider
10	each applicant's demonstrated capacity in providing serv-
11	ices to assist a pregnant woman in carrying her pregnancy
12	to term.
13	(f) Monitoring and Review.—The Secretary
14	shall—
15	(1) monitor and review each program funded
16	through a grant under this section to ensure that
17	the grantee carefully adheres to—
18	(A) the purpose described in subsection
19	(a)(1); and
20	(B) the requirements of this section; and
21	(2) cease to fund a program under this section
22	if the grantee fails to adhere to such purpose and re-
23	quirements.
24	(c) DEFINITIONS—In this section:

1	(1) Abortion.—The term "abortion" means
2	the use or prescription of any instrument, medicine,
3	drug, or any other substance or device to inten-
4	tionally—
5	(A) kill the unborn child of a woman
6	known to be pregnant; or
7	(B) terminate the pregnancy of a woman
8	known to be pregnant, with an intention other
9	than—
10	(i) after viability, to produce a live
11	birth and preserve the life and health of
12	the child born alive;
13	(ii) to remove a dead unborn child; or
14	(iii) to treat an ectopic pregnancy.
15	(2) Secretary.—The term "Secretary" means
16	the Secretary of Health and Human Services.
17	(h) Funding.—To carry out this section, the Sec-
18	retary shall use unobligated amounts made available under
19	the Nonrecurring Expenses Fund of the Department of
20	Health and Human Services.
21	SEC. 202. IMPROVING ACCESS TO PRENATAL AND POST-
22	NATAL TELEHEALTH CARE.
23	(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award grants
24	to, or enter into cooperative agreements with, eligible enti-
25	ties to purchase equipment necessary for carrying out at-

- 1 home telehealth visits for screening, monitoring, and man-
- 2 agement of prenatal and postnatal care for the purpose
- 3 of improving maternal and infant health outcomes, and
- 4 reducing maternal mortality, by improving access to care
- 5 in rural areas, frontier counties, medically underserved
- 6 areas, or jurisdictions of Indian Tribes and Tribal organi-
- 7 zations.
- 8 (b) Ineligible Entities.—An entity shall be ineli-
- 9 gible to receive a grant or enter into a cooperative agree-
- 10 ment under this section if the entity or any affiliate, sub-
- 11 sidiary, successor, or clinic thereof—
- 12 (1) performs, induces, refers for, or counsels in
- favor of abortions; or
- 14 (2) provides financial support to any other enti-
- ty that conducts any activity described in paragraph
- 16 (1).
- 17 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—A recipient of a grant or coop-
- 18 erative agreement under this section shall use the award
- 19 funds as described in subsection (a), which may include
- 20 purchasing or providing equipment necessary for carrying
- 21 out at-home telehealth visits (such as remote physiologic
- 22 devices and related services, including pulse oximeters,
- 23 blood pressure cuffs, scales, and blood glucose monitors)
- 24 to screen, monitor, and manage prenatal and postnatal

- 1 care at home by means of telehealth visits and services
- 2 for the purpose described in subsection (a).
- 3 (d) Report to Congress.—Not later than Sep-
- 4 tember 30, 2028, the Secretary shall submit to Congress
- 5 a report on activities supported through grants and coop-
- 6 erative agreements under this section, including—
- 7 (1) a description of the activities conducted
- 8 pursuant to such grants and cooperative agreements;
- 9 and
- 10 (2) an analysis of the effects of such grants and
- 11 cooperative agreements on improving prenatal and
- postnatal care in areas and jurisdictions described in
- subsection (a).
- 14 (e) Definitions.—In this section:
- 15 (1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term "eligible enti-
- 16 ty" means an entity that provides prenatal care,
- labor care, birthing, or postpartum care services in
- a rural area, a frontier county, a medically under-
- served area, or the jurisdiction of an Indian Tribe
- or Tribal organization.
- 21 (2) Frontier County.—The term "frontier
- county" has the meaning given such term in section
- 23 1886(d)(3)(E)(iii)(III) of the Social Security Act
- 24 (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(3)(E)(iii)(III)).

- 1 (3) Indian Tribe; Tribal organization.—
 2 The terms "Indian Tribe" and "Tribal organization" have the meanings given such terms in section
 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education
 5 Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304).
- 6 (4) Medically underserved area.—The
 7 term "medically underserved area" means a health
 8 professional shortage area designated under section
 9 332 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
 10 254e).
- 11 (5) RURAL AREA.—The term "rural area" has 12 the meaning given such term in section 330J(e) of 13 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c– 14 15(e)).
- (6) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means
 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.
- 17 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry 18 out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated 19 such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 20 2025 through 2030.

TITLE III—UNBORN CHILD 1 **SUPPORT** 2 3 SEC. 301. CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT ON BEHALF OF 4 UNBORN CHILDREN. 5 (a) STATE PLAN AMENDMENT.—Section 454 of the 6 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 654) is amended— 7 (1) in paragraph (4)(A)— 8 (A) in clause (i)— (i) by inserting ", including an unborn 9 child," after "child"; and 10 11 (ii) by inserting "and" after the semi-12 colon; and 13 (B) in clause (ii), by inserting ", including an unborn child" after "other child"; 14 (2) in paragraph (33), by striking "and" after 15 16 the semicolon; 17 (3) in paragraph (34), by striking the period and inserting "; and"; 18 19 (4) by inserting after paragraph (34), the fol-20 lowing: 21 "(35) provide that the State will establish and 22 enforce child support obligations of the biological fa-23 ther of an unborn child (and subsequent to the birth 24 of the child) to the mother of such child provided 25 that—

1	"(A) the mother has requested payment of
2	such child support obligations;
3	"(B) the start date for such obligations
4	may begin with the first month in which the
5	child was conceived, as determined by a physi-
6	cian (and shall begin with that month if the
7	mother so requests);
8	"(C) payments for such obligations may be
9	retroactively collected or awarded, including in
10	the case where paternity is established subse-
11	quent to the birth of the child;
12	"(D) the payment amount for such obliga-
13	tions shall be determined by a court, in con-
14	sultation with the mother, taking into account
15	the best interests of the mother and child;
16	"(E) any measure to establish the pater-
17	nity of a child (born or unborn) shall not be re-
18	quired without the consent of the mother; and
19	"(F) any measure to establish the pater-
20	nity of an unborn child shall not be taken if the
21	measure poses any risk of harm to the child if
22	unborn."; and
23	(5) by adding at the end the following: "For
24	purposes of paragraphs (4) and (35), the term 'un-
25	born child' means a member of the species homo

- 1 sapiens, at any stage of development, who is carried
- in the womb.".
- 3 (b) Limitation of Waiver Authority.—Section
- 4 1115 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) is
- 5 amended—
- 6 (1) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding
- 7 paragraph (1), by striking "In the case of" and in-
- 8 serting "Except as provided in subsection (c), in the
- 9 case of";
- 10 (2) in subsection (b)(1), in the matter pre-
- 11 ceding subparagraph (A), by striking "In the case
- of" and inserting "Except as provided in subsection
- (c), in the case of"; and
- 14 (3) by striking subsection (c) and inserting the
- 15 following:
- 16 "(c) No experimental, pilot, or demonstration project
- 17 undertaken under subsection (a) to assist in promoting the
- 18 objectives of part D of title IV, may permit modifications
- 19 of paragraphs (4)(A)(ii) and (35) of section 454 to estab-
- 20 lish and enforce child support obligations of the biological
- 21 father of an unborn child. For purposes of the preceding
- 22 sentence, the term 'unborn child' means a member of the
- 23 species homo sapiens, at any stage of development, who
- 24 is carried in the womb.".

- 1 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 2 this section shall take effect on the date that is 2 years
- 3 after the date of enactment of this Act and shall apply
- 4 to payments under part D of title IV of the Social Security
- 5 Act (42 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) for calendar quarters begin-

6 ning on or after such date.

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