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# S. 4242

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 26, 2026

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. JUSTICE, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. YOUNG) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

To amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to clarify the authority of States to use funds for pregnancy centers, 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Supporting Pregnant  
5 and Parenting Women and Families Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PREG-**  
7 **NANCY CENTERS.**

8 Section 404 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
9 604) is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(1) USE OF FUNDS FOR PREGNANCY CENTERS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this part shall  
3 be construed to prohibit a State from using a grant  
4 made under section 403 to support pregnancy cen-  
5 ters.

6 “(2) DEFINITION OF PREGNANCY CENTER.—In  
7 paragraph (1), the term ‘pregnancy center’ means  
8 any organization, such as a pregnancy resource cen-  
9 ter, pregnancy help center or organization, or preg-  
10 nancy medical center, that—

11 “(A) supports protecting the life of the  
12 mother and the unborn child; and

13 “(B) offers resources and services to moth-  
14 ers, fathers, and families, including but not lim-  
15 ited to relationship counseling, prenatal and  
16 pregnancy education, pregnancy testing, dia-  
17 pers, baby clothes, or other material supports.”.

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