

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3539

To amend title X of the Public Health Service Act with respect to adoption and other pregnancy options counseling.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 19, 2013

Mr. LONG introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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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 “Adoption Promotion
5 Act of 2013”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADOPTION AND OTHER PREGNANCY OPTIONS**
7 **COUNSELING.**

8 Title X of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
9 300a–1) is amended by adding at the end the following
10 new section:

1 **“SEC. 1009. ADOPTION AND OTHER PREGNANCY OPTIONS**
2 **COUNSELING.**

3 “(a) INCLUSION OF ADOPTION COUNSELING.—The
4 Secretary shall ensure that any pregnancy options coun-
5 seling funded under this title includes adoption counseling.

6 “(b) QUALIFIED COUNSELORS.—The Secretary shall
7 ensure that any pregnancy options counseling funded
8 under this title is provided by individuals who—

9 “(1) are licensed social workers or counselors in
10 the States in which they practice; and

11 “(2) have knowledge and experience in adoption
12 practice.

13 “(c) TRAINING.—Any training provided to an indi-
14 vidual under section 1003 shall include training on the
15 adoption process.

16 “(d) RESEARCH.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Research funded under sec-
18 tion 1004 shall include—

19 “(A) the collection of data on the number
20 of pregnancy tests administered to individuals
21 served by programs under this title and the re-
22 sults of those tests; and

23 “(B) the evaluation of the quality, consist-
24 ency, and outcomes of pregnancy options coun-
25 seling funded under this title.

1 “(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
2 this subsection shall be construed to authorize the
3 collection of personally identifiable information.”.

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