

119TH CONGRESS
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S. 4242

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.

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

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 “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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