

65-1,159a. Senator Stan Clark pregnancy maintenance initiative program; objectives; grants; annual report to legislature. (a) Subject to appropriations therefor, the secretary of health and environment shall create, develop and administer the Senator Stan Clark pregnancy maintenance initiative program the purpose for which is to award grants to not-for-profit organizations for programs that provide services for women which enable them to carry their pregnancies to term.

(b) The grants shall be awarded annually on a competitive basis in accordance with guidelines and criteria prescribed by rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of health and environment. Each grant shall be matched by the not-for-profit organization receiving the grant on the basis of \$1 provided by the not-for-profit organization for each \$1 provided under the grant for the program.

(c) Such grant services may include an array of social services relating to pregnancy maintenance. Such grant services shall provide: (1) That no individuals who are unable to pay may be denied the delivery or provision of pregnancy maintenance services; and (2) adoption services, education or information as a part of the program being provided to the individuals. No grant under the program shall be entered into with any group performing, promoting, referring for or educating in favor of abortion. No part of the grant moneys shall be used for any political purposes.

(d) The secretary of health and environment shall annually submit a report to the legislature at the beginning of the regular session of the legislature beginning in 2006 on the results and outcomes of such pregnancy maintenance programs.

(e) The secretary of health and environment shall develop a standard reporting form which shall collect the following information: Number of women utilizing pregnancy maintenance initiative services, percentage of funds used for pre-natal services and the percentage used for post-birth services, and number of women choosing adoption.

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