

SENATE BILL 105: 2021 Appropriations Act, Sec. 9G.6: Expansion of the Continuum of Care Pilot Program into a Statewide Program

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OVERVIEW: Section 9G.6 of S.L. 2021-180 provides \$3.2 million in nonrecurring funds in each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to be allocated to the Human Coalition to expand the continuum of care pilot program established by Section 11E-13(b) of S.L. 2017-57 into a statewide program. The program is designed to: (i) encourage healthy childbirth, (ii) support childbirth as an alternative to abortion, (iii) promote family formation, (iv) assist in establishing successful parenting techniques, and (v) increase the economic self-sufficiency of families. The program must include: (i) outreach to atrisk populations, (ii) the use of licensed nurses to assess pregnancy needs and provide accurate pregnancy-related information, and (iii) use of licensed social workers to develop appropriate care plans and make necessary referrals. Only 10% of the allocated funds can be used for administrative purposes. Beginning December 1, 2021, and every six months thereafter, the Human Coalition must report to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) on the expenditures of the programs and the individuals served. By April 1, 2023, DHHS must report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division on the status of the program.

This section became effective July 1, 2021.

