

Stricken language will be deleted and underlined language will be added.

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SENATE BILL 102

By: Senator Hickey

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PREGNANCY
RESOURCE CENTER GRANTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE
AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2022-2023 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Pregnancy Resource Center Sub-Fund in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for grants for the Pregnancy Resource Centers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR
(01) PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER GRANTS	2022-2023 <u>\$1,000,000</u>

SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER GRANTS.

(a)(1) As used in this section, "pregnancy resource center" means an



organization existing as of January 1, 2022, that:

(A) Seeks to provide a range of services to individuals facing an unintended pregnancy with the intention of encouraging pregnant women to give birth to their unborn children; and

(B) Does not perform, prescribe, provide referrals for, or encourage abortion or affiliate with any organization that performs, prescribes, provides referrals for, or encourages abortion.

(2) As used in this section, a "pregnancy resource center" includes without limitation:

(A) Organizations traditionally known as "crisis pregnancy organizations";

(B) Maternity homes;

(C) Adoption agencies; and

(D) Social services agencies that provide material support and other assistance to individuals facing an unintended pregnancy to help those individuals give birth to their unborn children.

(b)(1) The Department of Finance and Administration shall create a grant program to provide funding to pregnancy resource centers.

(2) Grant funds shall be disbursed directly to the pregnancy resource centers from the Department of Finance and Administration.

(c)(1) The department shall promulgate rules to implement the disbursement of the grant moneys from the Pregnancy Resource Center Grant Sub-Fund in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account.

(2) The rules shall include:

(A) A requirement that the entity requesting the grant monies submit a plan describing how the entity will spend the grant moneys; and

(B) A statement that the funds shall not be disbursed all at once, but in increments in accordance with the plan described in subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section.

(d) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUNDING TRANSFER. (i) Immediately upon the effective date of this Section, the Chief

Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from the Rainy Day Fund to the Pregnancy Resource Center Grant Sub-Fund in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account to provide funding exclusively for the Pregnancy Resource Center Grants Appropriation in Section 1 in this Act to be distributed as set out in Pregnancy Resource Center Grants Special Language in Section 2 of this Act.

(ii) Any funds not expended in the Pregnancy Resource Center Grant Sub-Fund in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account as established in subsection (i) herein after June 30, 2023 shall be transferred to the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund.

(iii) The provisions of this section shall be in effect upon passage and approval only through June 30, 2023.

SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. Sections 1, 2, 4, and 5 of this act are effective on and after July 1, 2022.

SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that pregnancy resource centers preserve public peace, health, and safety by providing a range of services to individuals facing unintended pregnancies; that pregnancy resource centers across the state have been underfunded; that in order to preserve public peace, health, and safety, pregnancy resource centers may need to apply for grant funding under Section 3 of this act; and that Section 3 of this act is immediately necessary to enable pregnancy resource centers to provide services that preserve the public peace, health, and safety. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and Section 3 of this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

/s/Hickey