WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 87

By Senator Rucker

[Introduced February 12, 2025; referred

to the Committee on Finance]

1   A BILL to amend and reenact §16-66-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to

2   pregnancy help organizations; and providing approved pregnancy help organizations

3   flexibility to receive funding for various costs.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 66. SUPPORT FOR MOTHERS AND BABIES ACT.

§16-66-2. Establishing the West Virginia Mothers and Babies Pregnancy Support Program.

1   (a) There is hereby established the West Virginia Mothers and Babies Pregnancy Support

2   Program under the Bureau for Public Health.

3   (b) A pregnancy help organization is eligible to receive funding from the program, subject

4   to meeting the standards defined by the managing agency.

5   (c) An abortion industry organization may not receive funding from the program.

6   (d) Funds distributed under the program shall be distributed on a fee per service

7   arrangement with a fee per service and hour arrangement as set by the management agency.

8   (e) Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary, funds may also be distributed to

9   pregnancy help organizations, approved pursuant to this section, for the following reasons: capital

10 expenditures, expenditures associated with adding additional services, expenditures associated

11 with meeting the requirements established by relevant licensing, accreditation, or standards

12 setting organizations, and training expenditures for pregnancy help organization staff and

13 volunteers.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide pregnancy help centers greater flexibility to receive funding for items such as capital expenditures and training. Currently, the funding is limited to a fee per service arrangement.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.