

1 support to low-income women, their male partners, and families who are experiencing an
2 unplanned pregnancy; and

3 WHEREAS, having information on the financing, contractor performance, and
4 outcomes of the Alternatives to Abortion Initiative from a recent ten-year period will be
5 valuable to the legislature in its efforts to evaluate this program.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
7 urge and request the Department of Children and Family Services to conduct a study to
8 evaluate the Alternatives to Abortion Initiative.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the goal of such study shall be the evaluation
10 of the Alternatives to Abortion Initiative's effectiveness and outcomes, including evidence
11 that the program is primarily serving pregnant women who are seeking abortions, evidence
12 that the abstinence education provided by contractors has measurably delayed the sexual
13 activity of program clients, evidence of an increased number of healthy, full-term, unplanned
14 pregnancies, evidence of improved health and well-being of women experiencing an
15 unplanned pregnancy, and evidence of the program's success in reducing the recurrence of
16 adverse birth outcomes.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the study shall include the following information
18 relative to crisis pregnancy centers and the Alternatives to Abortion Initiative:

19 (1) The annual amount of funding allocated to the Alternatives to Abortion Initiative
20 from TANF.

21 (2) All other sources of funding for the Alternatives to Abortion Initiative and the
22 amount allocated from each source.

23 (3) All requests for proposals, responses to requests for proposals, approved or
24 denied, and all contracts awarded or amended.

25 (4) All written reports relating to the initiative submitted by contractors and
26 subcontractors to DCFS, including the DCFS and TANF Measures of Success monthly
27 report and Quality Assurance Compliance reports.

28 (5) Contractor performance data, including but not limited to the number of clients
29 served, parenting sessions held, individual counseling services held, support service
30 referrals, full-term pregnancies, and abstinence sessions held.

1 (6) Information regarding the methodology and manner in which reimbursement
2 rates are determined for direct services provided by each contractor and subcontractor.

3 (7) All performance enhancement plans submitted by contractors.

4 (8) All information and education, including curriculum, provided to clients
5 regarding prenatal care, childbirth, adoption, parenting, and the use of abstinence to avoid
6 unplanned and out-of-wedlock pregnancies.

7 (9) The administrative costs of the program and the annual administrative expenses
8 for each contractor.

9 (10) The names, certifications, and licenses of all medical staff employed by each
10 subcontractor.

11 (11) Lists of all agencies, healthcare providers, and other service providers to which
12 clients are referred.

13 (12) All onsite programmatic reviews on the contractor and its subcontractors that
14 were performed by DCFS.

15 (13) All subcontractors that have received funds through the Alternatives to
16 Abortion Initiative.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study called for in this Resolution shall
18 examine the financing, contractor performance, and outcomes of the Alternatives to
19 Abortion Initiative from Fiscal Years 2011 through 2021.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the written report shall be submitted to the
21 Legislature of Louisiana no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the 2023 Regular
22 Session and made available to the public.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
24 secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services.

DIGEST

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Requests the Dept. of Children and Family Services to conduct a study to evaluate the Alternatives to Abortion Initiative and to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature of La. no later than 30 days prior to the convening of the 2023 R.S.