

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 23, 2015

3 SENATE BILL NO. 9

By: Barrington of the Senate

4 and

5 Denney of the House

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8 An Act relating to genetic counseling; providing
9 definition; permitting health care entities
10 administering prenatal care, postnatal care, or
11 genetic counseling to provide certain information to
12 expectant or new parents; establishing standards for
13 information provided to expectant parents;
14 authorizing the State Department of Health to provide
15 certain information under certain circumstances;
16 requiring information to be culturally and
17 linguistically appropriate; prohibiting certain
18 limitation; providing for codification; and providing
19 an effective date.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

21 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-571 of Title 63, unless there
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

24 A. For the purposes of this section, "Down syndrome" means a
chromosomal condition caused by an error in cell division that
results in the presence of an extra whole or partial copy of
chromosome twenty-one (21).

1 B. Any hospital, physician, health care provider, nurse
2 midwife, genetic counselor or other entity that renders prenatal
3 care, postnatal care or genetic counseling, upon receipt of a
4 positive test result from a test for Down syndrome, may provide the
5 expectant or new parent with information provided by the State
6 Department of Health. The information provided shall be:

7 1. Up-to-date, evidenced-based written information about Down
8 syndrome that has been reviewed by medical experts and national Down
9 syndrome organizations. The written information provided shall
10 include physical, developmental, educational, and psychological
11 outcomes, life expectancy, clinical course, intellectual and
12 functional development, and treatment options; and

13 2. Contact information regarding programs and support services,
14 including information hotlines specific to Down syndrome, resource
15 centers or clearinghouses, national and local Down syndrome
16 organizations, and other education and support programs.

17 C. The Department may also make such information available to
18 any other person who has received a positive test result from a test
19 for Down syndrome.

20 D. Information provided under this section shall be culturally
21 and linguistically appropriate for women receiving a positive
22 prenatal diagnosis or for the family of a child receiving a
23 postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome.

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1 E. Nothing in this section shall limit the rights of any person
2 under the Genetic Counseling Licensure Act.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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