ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 9 By: Barrington of the Senate

and

Denney of the House

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

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

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

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).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Passed the Senate the 3rd day of March, 2015.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of __________, 2015.

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of Representatives