

HB 691 -- Alternatives to Abortion Services

Sponsor: Harris (110)

This bill establishes the Missouri Alternatives to Abortion Services Program to provide services or counseling to pregnant women and assistance to women in caring for their children or placing them up for adoption. Counseling and services are available to a woman during her pregnancy and for one year after the birth of her child. The department or departments administering the programs may contract with public or private agencies to provide services or counseling.

The Missouri Alternatives to Abortion Public Awareness Program is established which requires the department or departments administering the program to develop an advertising campaign publicizing alternatives to abortion and to prioritize federal, public, and private moneys so that they are used first to fund these programs. These programs and their funds will not be used to perform, induce, or assist in abortions.