

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2025 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 2456**

By Delegates Riley, Pinson, Funkhouser, Phillips,  
Linville, Burkhammer, McGeehan, Kimble, Drennan,  
Worrell, and Hott

[Introduced February 17, 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 the pregnancy support program; and providing funding to pregnancy help organizations  
 3 under certain conditions.

*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 funding to pregnancy help organizations under certain conditions.

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