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# S. 3741

To prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from restricting funding for pregnancy centers.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 6, 2024

Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. SCHMITT, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. RISCH, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. BRAUN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Supporting Pregnant  
3 and Parenting Women and Families Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PREG-**  
5 **NANCY CENTERS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
7 Human Services may not finalize, implement, or enforce,  
8 with respect to expenditures for any pregnancy center, the  
9 modification to section 263.11 of title 45, Code of Federal  
10 Regulations, as described in the proposed regulation set  
11 forth beginning on page 67697 of volume 88 of the Fed-  
12 eral Register, or any substantially similar regulatory ac-  
13 tion.

14 (b) DEFINITION OF PREGNANCY CENTER.—In sub-  
15 section (a), the term “pregnancy center” means any orga-  
16 nization, such as a pregnancy resource center, pregnancy  
17 help center or organization, or pregnancy medical center,  
18 that—

19 (1) supports protecting the life of the mother  
20 and the unborn child; and

21 (2) offers resources and services to mothers, fa-  
22 thers, and families, including but not limited to rela-  
23 tionship counseling, prenatal and pregnancy edu-  
24 cation, pregnancy testing, diapers, baby clothes, or  
25 material supports.