

House Engrossed Senate Bill  
website; adoption information; task force

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**CHAPTER 279**  
**SENATE BILL 1254**

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 36-2153.01; RELATING TO ABORTION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 20, article 1, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-2153.01, to read:

4 36-2153.01. Website information; agencies providing support  
5 for pregnant women; adoption information

6 A. ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 2022, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
7 SHALL PROVIDE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC WEBSITE HOME PAGE A CONSPICUOUS  
8 LINK THAT DIRECTS AN INDIVIDUAL TO THE FOLLOWING EASILY COMPREHENSIBLE  
9 INFORMATION, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH:

10 1. A LIST OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO  
11 ASSIST A WOMAN THROUGH PREGNANCY, ON CHILDBIRTH AND WHILE HER CHILD IS  
12 DEPENDENT. ANY AGENCY THAT COUNSELS, REFERS, PERFORMS, INDUCES,  
13 PRESCRIBES OR PROVIDES ANY MEANS FOR ABORTION MAY NOT BE INCLUDED ON THE  
14 LIST.

15 2. EACH AGENCY'S SERVICES, PHYSICAL ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND  
16 WEBSITE ADDRESS, IF AVAILABLE.

17 3. INFORMATION ON AND A LINK TO A SEPARATE FEATURED WEB PAGE THAT  
18 IS ACCESSIBLE BY REDIRECTING FROM THE DOMAIN NAME ADOPTIONOPTION.AZ.GOV  
19 AND THAT LISTS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

20 (a) PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT ADOPTION AGENCIES THAT ARE NOT AFFILIATED  
21 WITH AN ABORTION PROVIDER AND THAT ARE ARRANGED GEOGRAPHICALLY. THE LINK  
22 SHALL INCLUDE THE INFORMATION SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF THIS SUBSECTION.

23 (b) EASILY COMPREHENSIBLE FIRST STEPS TO ASSIST A PREGNANT WOMAN  
24 SEEKING TO CONFIDENTIALLY EXPLORE THE OPTION OF PLACING HER CHILD FOR  
25 ADOPTION.

26 (c) WHETHER THE ADOPTION AGENCY ALLOWS THE WOMAN TO CHOOSE THE  
27 ADOPTIVE PARENTS.

28 (d) AGENCIES THAT OFFER OBSTETRIC ULTRASOUNDS FREE OF CHARGE.

29 (e) AGENCIES THAT OFFER CONFIDENTIAL COUNSELING FREE OF CHARGE TO A  
30 WOMAN CONSIDERING PLACING HER CHILD FOR ADOPTION.

31 B. ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS  
32 SECTION SHALL BE AVAILABLE IN AN EASILY DOWNLOADABLE PRINTED FORMAT.

33 Sec. 2. Adoption promotion task force; appointments; duties;  
34 compensation; delayed repeal

35 A. The adoption promotion task force is established in the  
36 department of health services consisting of the following members:

37 1. Two licensed clinical social workers who have experience in  
38 assisting birth mothers in navigating the adoption process, one of whom is  
39 appointed by the president of the senate and one of whom is appointed by  
40 the speaker of the house of representatives.

41 2. Two residents of this state who provide preabortion or  
42 postabortion counseling in association with a nonprofit organization that  
43 does not counsel for or provide abortion, one of whom is appointed by the  
44 president of the senate and one of whom is appointed by the speaker of the  
45 house of representatives.

1           3. Two attorneys who are licensed in this state and who specialize  
2 either in advocating for women at risk of being coerced into abortion or  
3 in navigating the adoption process, one of whom is appointed by the  
4 president of the senate and one of whom is appointed by the speaker of the  
5 house of representatives.

6           4. Two residents of this state who are employed by public or  
7 private nonprofit adoption agencies, one of whom is appointed by the  
8 president of the senate and one of whom is appointed by the speaker of the  
9 house of representatives.

10          5. Two executive directors, or their designees, of nonprofit  
11 organizations that promote adoption as an alternative to abortion, one of  
12 whom is appointed by the president of the senate and one of whom is  
13 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

14          6. Two members of the senate, who are appointed by the president of  
15 the senate.

16          7. Two members of the house of representatives, who are appointed  
17 by the speaker of the house of representatives.

18          B. The adoption promotion task force shall advise the department of  
19 health services on:

20           1. Preparing the website information required by section  
21 36-2153.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.

22           2. Developing a public education initiative to promote adoption.

23          C. Members of the task force are not eligible to receive  
24 compensation but are eligible for reimbursement of expenses pursuant to  
25 title 38, chapter 4, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes.

26          D. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2022.

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