

# HOUSE BILL 1324

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Family Support Act**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Family Planning and Reproductive Health  
4 Program in the Family Health Administration; providing for the purpose of the  
5 Program; requiring the Program to provide certain family planning services;  
6 requiring the Program to be operated through certain clinics and agencies;  
7 requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in collaboration with  
8 the Department of Human Resources and the State Department of Education,  
9 to establish a program to increase educational supports for certain adolescents;  
10 providing for the purpose of the program; requiring the program to be offered in  
11 a certain number of jurisdictions in the State; requiring the program to enroll  
12 certain adolescents and to include certain services; authorizing the Department  
13 of Health and Mental Hygiene to contract with an entity to design and  
14 implement the program and to provide certain services; requiring the Family  
15 Health Administration, in collaboration with the Department of Human  
16 Resources, to develop and implement a program to reduce teen pregnancy that  
17 focuses on engaging fathers; providing for the purpose of the program; requiring  
18 the program to include certain education, training, and services; authorizing the  
19 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to contract with an entity to design  
20 and implement the program and an independent evaluator to design and  
21 implement an evaluation plan; requiring the Department of Health and Mental  
22 Hygiene to develop a certain public education campaign; authorizing the  
23 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to collaborate with an entity to  
24 develop the public education campaign; requiring the Governor to include  
25 certain funding in the annual budget bill for a certain purpose; and generally  
26 relating to family support services.

27 BY adding to  
28 Article – Health – General

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Section 20–1301 through 20–1305 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 13.  
2 Family Support Services”  
3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
4 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

5 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
6 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

7 **Article – Health – General**

8 **SUBTITLE 13. FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES.**

9 **20–1301.**

10 (A) **THERE IS A FAMILY PLANNING AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**  
11 **PROGRAM IN THE FAMILY HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.**

12 (B) **THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:**

13 (1) **REDUCE UNINTENDED PREGNANCY; AND**

14 (2) **IMPROVE PREGNANCY OUTCOMES BY ASSURING THAT**  
15 **COMPREHENSIVE, QUALITY FAMILY PLANNING AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**  
16 **SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE AND ACCESSIBLE IN THE STATE.**

17 (C) **THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES,**  
18 **INCLUDING:**

19 (1) **PRECONCEPTION HEALTH;**

20 (2) **TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION;**

21 (3) **REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH; AND**

22 (4) **SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE SCREENING AND**  
23 **TREATMENT.**

24 (D) **THE PROGRAM SHALL BE OPERATED THROUGH LOCAL HEALTH**  
25 **DEPARTMENT CLINICS AND OTHER PRIVATE OR PUBLIC NONPROFIT AGENCIES.**

26 **20–1302.**

27 (A) **THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT**  
28 **OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SHALL**

1 ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO INCREASE EDUCATIONAL SUPPORTS FOR  
2 ADOLESCENTS WHO ARE AT RISK OF RECURRING PREGNANCIES.

3 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO EXPAND ADULT EDUCATION  
4 SERVICES, CHILD CARE, TRANSPORTATION, AND OTHER SUPPORTS NEEDED TO  
5 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ADOLESCENT PARENTS WHO REMAIN ENROLLED IN  
6 SCHOOL.

7 (C) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE OFFERED AT TWO JURISDICTIONS IN THE  
8 STATE THAT HAVE DEMONSTRATED A HIGH RATE OF ADOLESCENT PARENTS.

9 (D) THE PROGRAM SHALL SEEK TO ENROLL ADOLESCENTS WHO ARE:

10 (1) PREGNANT OR A PARENT OF A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 4  
11 YEARS; AND

12 (2) ENROLLED IN SCHOOL OR A RECENT DROPOUT.

13 (E) THE PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

14 (1) PARENT EDUCATION;

15 (2) INFANT AND TODDLER PROGRAM SERVICES;

16 (3) SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAMMING, INCLUDING ADULT  
17 EDUCATION AND FAMILY LITERACY AND EMPLOYMENT READINESS;

18 (4) HEALTH EDUCATION, INCLUDING PREGNANCY PREVENTION;

19 (5) PARENT SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP;

20 (6) SERVICE COORDINATION; AND

21 (7) TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

22 (F) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE MAY  
23 CONTRACT WITH AN ENTITY TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM  
24 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION AND TO PROVIDE TRAINING, TECHNICAL  
25 ASSISTANCE, MONITORING, AND EVALUATION SERVICES.

26 **20-1303.**

27 (A) THE FAMILY HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, IN COLLABORATION WITH  
28 THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A

1 PROGRAM TO REDUCE TEEN PREGNANCY THAT FOCUSES ON ENGAGING  
2 FATHERS.

3 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCES OF  
4 RECURRING TEEN PREGNANCY AMONG FATHERS ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM.

5 (C) THE PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE:

6 (1) EDUCATION FOR FATHERS AND COUPLES ON UNWANTED  
7 PREGNANCY PREVENTION THROUGH CURRICULUM SESSIONS ON REDUCING  
8 ADOLESCENT PREGNANCIES;

9 (2) TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR MATERNAL AND  
10 CHILD HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS ON METHODS TO ENGAGE FATHERS; AND

11 (3) WRAPAROUND SERVICES FOR FATHERS REFERRED BY  
12 MATERNAL AND CHILD ORGANIZATIONS BY ENROLLING THE FATHERS IN  
13 RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD PROJECTS.

14 (D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONTRACT WITH:

15 (1) AN ENTITY TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM  
16 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

17 (2) AN INDEPENDENT EVALUATOR TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT  
18 AN EVALUATION PLAN FOR THE PROGRAM.

19 **20-1304.**

20 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A STATEWIDE TEEN  
21 PREGNANCY PREVENTION PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN THAT USES MASS  
22 MEDIA, EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL PROGRAMS, AND PARENT COMMUNICATION  
23 TECHNIQUES.

24 (B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY COLLABORATE WITH AN ENTITY TO  
25 DEVELOP THE PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

26 **20-1305.**

27 (A) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE AN APPROPRIATION OF  
28 \$1,000,000 IN GENERAL FUNDS IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL FOR THE  
29 PROGRAMS AND PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS  
30 SUBTITLE.

1           **(B) THE APPROPRIATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) SHALL**  
2 **SUPPLEMENT AND MAY NOT SUPPLANT OTHER FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THE**  
3 **BUDGET FOR FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES.**

4           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 July 1, 2008.