

Support for SB 1368: Access to Information on Pregnancy Centers

What is SB 1368

This bill would require sex education classes for pupils in grades 7 to 12 to include information about licensed pregnancy care centers in the list of local resources for sexual health and pregnancy already provided to students.

The goal of SB 1368

Pregnancy centers were established in the 1960s to provide free or low-cost medical care and emotional support to women facing unplanned pregnancies. These licensed medical clinics provide these resources to any pregnant women including those who want to keep their babies.

Those resources could include: Pregnancy Tests, Ultrasound examinations, STI/STD testing and treatment, early prenatal care, information about pregnancy options, and Post-decision support (including parenting education and abortion recovery groups).

Many young teens should know about these free confidential resources available to them. This bill will change that dynamic.

SB 1368 Hearing

SB 1368 is scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Education Committee on Wed. April 24th.

Contact Senate Education Committee Members to urge a YES vote on SB 1368

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SB 1368 Talking Points

1. It is unacceptable that in 2024, students in the 7th-12th grade remain unaware of the many resources pregnancy centers offer at no cost.
2. Pregnancy care centers are the sole providers of complimentary services essential for pregnant women who decide to have their babies. Consequently, if a woman opts against having an abortion, abortion clinics often direct her to these centers for support.
3. These services include free urine pregnancy tests, ultrasound examinations, medical referrals, prenatal vitamins, STI/STD testing and treatment, information about pregnancy options, and early prenatal care. Additionally, they offer a variety of other services that may include parenting education and abortion recovery groups.
4. Pregnancy centers allow women to talk out ALL of their options with a medically licensed, sympathetic person, knowing they will have a support system around them no matter their decision.
5. If we really want to promote the well-being of all Californians, particularly our youth, then they should know about the comprehensive, compassionate support that pregnancy centers provide in times of crisis.