Senate Amendment 5377

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Amend the amendment, S=5369, to Senate File 2425 as
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     2 follows:
     3 #1. Page 1, by striking line 4, and inserting the
     4 following:
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         <10. For the positive alternatives program>.
     6 #2. Page 1, by striking lines 7 through 24, and
     7 inserting the following:
          <The department of human services shall establish a
     9 positive alternatives program to provide core services
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    10 consisting of information, education, counseling, and
    11 support services to women who experience unplanned
    12 pregnancies by promoting childbirth over abortion,
    13 assisting pregnant women in remaining healthy and
    14 maintaining a healthy pregnancy while deciding whether
    15 to keep the child or place the child for adoption, and
    16 assisting the woman after the birth of the child.
    17 services provided may include but are not limited to:
    18 counseling and mentoring; pregnancy, childbirth,
    19 parenting, and abstinence classes; fostering of a
    20 statewide pregnancy and parenting support system;
    21 assistance with physical and mental well=being of a
    22 woman during pregnancy and post=delivery; assistance
    23 with the physical well=being of the fetus and newborn;
    24 assistance with food, shelter, clothing, health care,
    25 childcare, and employment; and other supportive
    26 programs and services. Funds appropriated in this 27 subsection shall be used by the department to award
    28 grants to service providers that do not provide
    29 abortions and have been in existence for at least one
    30 year prior to the awarding of the grant and that are
    31 experienced and qualified in providing core pregnancy
    32 support services that promote childbirth over abortion
    33 and parenting support services, including but not
    34 limited to pregnancy support organizations, maternity
    35 homes, social service agencies, and adoption agencies.
    36 Priority in the awarding of grants shall be given to 37 programs that serve areas of the state which
    38 demonstrate the highest percentage of unplanned
    39 pregnancies of females of childbearing age within the
    40 geographic area to be served by the grant.>
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