



# IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 13th, 2020

Mr. JAMES (for himself, Mr. JACOB and Mr. MARK) introduced the  
following bill;

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To establish two grant programs with the purpose of increasing access to contraceptives and  
providing support to post-abortive women.

*Be it enacted by the United States Senate in Congress Assembled,*

## **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Contraceptive Access and Post-Abortive Support Act”

## **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

Congress finds that—

- (a) Studies have repeatedly shown that post-abortive women are much more likely to self harm or commit suicide than non-abortive women.
- (b) Access to contraceptives lowers the abortion rate, ratio and number of abortions.
- (c) Support for post-abortive women will lower the post-abortive suicide rate, decrease rates of depression among post-abortive women and lower the chances of a second or third abortion.

## **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

In this Act—

- (a) ABORTION.— This term refers to the deliberate termination of a human pregnancy.
- (b) POST-ABORTIVE.— This term refers to women who have undergone an abortion.

(c) ABORTIVE CONTRACEPTIVE.— This term refers to any drug which procures abortion.

#### **SEC. 4. GRANT PROGRAM FOR CONTRACEPTIVE ACCESS**

IN GENERAL.— There shall be established a program which shall be;

- (1) Overseen and managed by the Department of Health and Human Services, under the purview of the Secretary of Health and Human Services and his surrogates.
- (2) Charged with allocating funding to eligible recipients, which shall be granted eligibility only if all of the following requirements are satisfied;
  - (a) The applicant is a certified health center meeting all health and safety standards as required by federal, state and local law.
  - (b) The applicant provides contraceptives to patients upon request..
  - (c) The applicant meets any other health or safety regulations as prescribed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.
- (3) Appropriated \$10,000,000 monthly in mandatory appropriations, and up to \$20,000,000 in discretionary appropriations.
  - (a) Funds appropriated as a part of this program may only be used by recipients to subsidize contraceptive access for patients. The funds may not be used for any other purpose. Any known violations of this subsection are grounds for termination of grants to said recipient.
  - (b) Funds may not be used to subsidize abortive contraception.

#### **SEC. 5. GRANT PROGRAM FOR POST-ABORTIVE SUPPORT AND CARE**

IN GENERAL.— There shall be established a program which shall be;

- (1) Overseen and managed by the Department of Health and Human Services, under the purview of the Secretary of Health and Human Services and his surrogates.
- (2) Charged with allocating funding to eligible recipients, which shall be granted eligibility only if all of the following requirements are satisfied;
  - (a) The applicant provides counseling, support or resources to post-abortion women.
  - (b) The applicant meets all health and safety standards as prescribed by federal, state and local law.
  - (c) The applicant meets any other health or safety regulations as prescribed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(3) Appropriated \$10,000,000 monthly in mandatory appropriations, and up to \$20,000,000 in discretionary appropriations.

(a) Funds appropriated through this program shall only be used to subsidize post-abortive care for women, and may not be used for any other purpose. Any known violations of this subsection are grounds for termination of grants to said recipient.

(b) Religious organizations are eligible for funding so long that support is offered to both women of religious conviction and those of none.

## **SEC. 6. ENACTMENT**

The Department of Health and Human Services is authorized to begin both programs immediately upon the passage of this Act.