

# Legislative Analysis

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## **CRISIS PREGNANCY ORGANIZATIONS: REQUIRE MEDICALLY ACCURATE INFORMATION**

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**House Bill 5158 (Substitute H-2)**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Mark Meadows**  
**Committee: Judiciary**

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### **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5158 AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE 09-09-09**

The bill would require crisis pregnancy organizations to provide pregnant women with medically accurate information and to distribute a prenatal care and parenting pamphlet prepared by the Department of Community Health.

House Bill 5158 would create a new act. Specifically, the bill would define a "crisis pregnancy organization" as a nongovernmental, not-for-profit agency or organization that provides services and counseling to women who have unplanned or unwanted pregnancies. The new act would require an employee, volunteer, or other person affiliated with an organization to provide a pregnant woman with medically accurate information.

"Medically accurate" would mean material verified or supported by research conducted in compliance with scientific methods and published in peer-review journals, where appropriate, and recognized as accurate and objective by professional organizations and agencies with relevant expertise in the field, such as the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists or the American Gynecological and Obstetrical Society.

In response to an inquiry by a pregnant woman regarding pregnancy termination, the location of pregnancy termination services, or birth control information, a crisis pregnancy organization that did not provide such information would have to inform her, orally or in writing, that the organization did not provide information that would lead to a pregnancy termination, location of pregnancy termination services, or birth control information.

Further, the organization would have to distribute the prenatal care and parenting pamphlet prepared by the Department of Community Health.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

A fiscal analysis is in process.

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