

AMENDMENTS TO LB944

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

Introduced by Bolz, 29.

1           1. On page 48, strike lines 5 through 18 and insert:

2           "No funds appropriated or distributed under the Federal Title X  
3 program shall be used for abortion or abortion counseling.

4           No funds shall be granted to an organization that performs, assists  
5 with the performance of, or provides directive counseling in favor of  
6 abortion. Organizations may provide neutral, factual information,  
7 nondirective counseling, or referral upon request. An otherwise qualified  
8 organization shall not be disqualified from receipt of Title X funds when  
9 the organization can demonstrate objective independence. Objective  
10 independence includes legal, physical, and financial separation between  
11 the provision of abortion services and the services provided with Title X  
12 funds.

13           It is the intent of the Legislature that Title X funds shall be  
14 distributed statewide and that the Department of Health and Human  
15 Services shall ensure that a network is maintained that is sufficient in  
16 numbers and types of providers to assure that Title X services will be  
17 accessible without unreasonable delay."