

HB 611 -- RECEIPT OF FAMILY PLANNING FUNDS

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This bill requires an organization, institution, or facility that performs or assists in performing an abortion that is not necessary to save the life of the mother or that encourages or counsels a woman to have an abortion that is not necessary to save her life, to make an annual accounting of any and all funds received pursuant to Title X of the Public Health Services Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 300. The accounting must identify each grant of funds and must describe in detail the purpose of the grant and the services provided under the grant. The accounting must account for the exact amount of funds received and disbursed pursuant to the grant and must identify the recipients of each disbursement, as well as the purpose of each disbursement. The bill prohibits the accounting from listing the name of any patient or any part of the Social Security number of any patient and requires identification of each patient using a unique identification number. The accounting must be filed with the Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services, who must provide forms and promulgate regulations to enforce the provisions of the bill. The department must retain the accountings for seven years.

Any taxpayer residing in the county in which the organization, institution, or facility is located is authorized to petition the court of that county for an injunction ordering the organization, institution, or facility to comply with these provisions. The court may award the taxpayer reasonable attorneys fees and court costs.