

## Wolf, Sheldon

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FYI –  
It can be loaded into testimony.

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Senator Lee:

I'm watching this morning's discussion on the Alternatives to Abortion bills.

I put those rules in SB 2129 because they are rules that exist already within TANF. They protect both the religious rights of the client and the religious identity of providers. They are good rules that the federal DHHS has used for years and I wanted to make sure that they continued if the funding was shifted from TANF.

On another matter, it now appears that Senator Clemens' intention is to have something like the grant program in Alternatives to Abortion Part B. I am fine with that, but it should be run through the Village via its RFP with DHHS, with the same eligible providers and the same rules.

Also, Senator Hogan was incorrect about why we would like to shift funding away from TANF. It is not because the providers do not want to comply with the TANF rules. (In fact, the TANF rules are the ones I incorporated into the bill.) It is because we do not know what Congress, the current Administration, or future administrations will do. Shifting the funding puts the program on a more solid footing.

Finally, please keep in mind that SB 2129 expands the program so that the providers can serve new mothers, fathers, and their infants. A change in the statutory language is required for this to happen. The appropriation reflects this change. (\$600 a biennium x roughly twice the number of clients.). Because it is a fee-for-service reimbursement, there is never any "left-over" money.

I will be following another committee this afternoon but could run down if needed to answer questions. 701-269-2644

Thank you.

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