

INFORMED CONSENT FOR CRISIS PREGNANCY SERVICES



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FISCAL ANALYSIS

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HOUSE BILL 6254 AS INTRODUCED

Sponsor: Rep. Judith L. Scranton

House Committee: Family and Children Services

COMMITTEE ANALYSIS - 12/2/02

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SUMMARY

House Bill 6254 as introduced requires non-profit crisis pregnancy organizations to obtain voluntary and informed consent from a client prior to the provision of services. The bill establishes conditions that must be met as part of this requirement.

This bill applies to nongovernmental organizations that are not staffed by licensed medical professionals, therefore it has no state or local government fiscal implications. Organizations affected by the requirements of the bill may have additional costs to prepare and provide the following materials if such materials are not already provided: medically accurate written explanation of client options and medical risk of each, listing of medical clinics and hospitals that provide abortion services, a form of certification of informed consent and a system for retention of signed forms, and Department of Community Health prenatal care and parenting pamphlets available at cost from the Department.

It is not known at this time whether these requirements are in conflict with funding requirements of other fund sources for the affected organizations.