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To amend part A of title IV of the Social Security Act to allow funds provided under the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families to be used for alternative-to-abortion services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 22, 2009

Mrs. BACHMANN (for herself, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. PITTS, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. JORDAN of Ohio, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. FORBES, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. HERGER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Positive Alternatives
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO USE TANF FUNDS FOR ALTER-**
2 **NATIVE-TO-ABORTION SERVICES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 408(a)(6) of the Social
4 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 608(a)(6)) is amended by adding
5 at the end the following:

6 “(C) EXCEPTION FOR ALTERNATIVE-TO-
7 ABORTION SERVICES.—

8 “(i) IN GENERAL.—As used in sub-
9 paragraph (A), the term ‘medical services’
10 does not include alternative-to-abortion
11 services.

12 “(ii) DEFINITIONS.—In this subpara-
13 graph:

14 “(I) ALTERNATIVE-TO-ABORTION
15 SERVICES.—The term ‘alternative-to-
16 abortion services’ means—

17 “(aa) information or coun-
18 seling that promotes childbirth
19 instead of abortion, and assists
20 pregnant women in making an
21 informed decision regarding the
22 alternatives of adoption or par-
23 enting with respect to her born
24 or unborn child; and

25 “(bb) any other service de-
26 signed to assist a qualified indi-

1 individual who is a woman to carry
2 her unborn child to term, or to
3 support a qualified individual in
4 a parenting or adoption decision,
5 including the provision of self-ad-
6 ministered pregnancy testing,
7 baby food, maternity or baby
8 clothing, baby furniture, or infor-
9 mation or education (including
10 classes), regarding prenatal care,
11 childbirth, adoption, parenting,
12 chastity, or abstinence.

13 “(II) QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL.—
14 The term ‘qualified individual’
15 means—

16 “(aa) an individual who is,
17 or has reasonable grounds to be-
18 lieve she may be, pregnant;

19 “(bb) an individual who is a
20 parent or legal guardian of a
21 child who has not attained 12
22 months of age; or

23 “(cc) an individual who is
24 the spouse or a former spouse of,
25 is a parent of a child of, or co-

1 habitates or has cohabitated with
2 an individual described in item
3 (aa) or (bb).”.

4 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
5 subsection (a) shall take effect 90 days after the date of
6 the enactment of this Act, and shall apply to grants made
7 under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act for
8 fiscal years ending after such 90-day period.

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