

By: Senator(s) Moran, Burton, Tindell, Hale, Montgomery

To: Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2591
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN "UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD BANKING PROGRAM"
2 TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; TO PROVIDE
3 STANDARDS FOR THE PROGRAM; TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
4 TO ISSUE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM; AND FOR
5 RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 **SECTION 1.** (1) **Short title.** This section shall be known
8 and may be cited as "The Umbilical Cord Blood Banking Program
9 Act."

10 (2) **Umbilical Cord Blood Banking Program; establishment;**
11 **duties of the State Department of Health; funding.** (a) The
12 Umbilical Cord Blood Banking Awareness Program is established and
13 the State Department of Health is authorized to promote public
14 awareness of the potential benefits of cord blood banking.

15 (b) The department shall:

16 (i) Develop a public education and outreach
17 campaign via written materials, brochures, the Internet, and
18 public service announcements to promote cord blood banking
19 awareness and the benefits of cord blood banking.



20 (ii) Develop educational materials and brochures
21 which shall be made available to health care practitioners,
22 including obstetricians, gynecologists and pediatricians, health
23 maintenance organizations, hospitals, walk-in medical centers,
24 mobile care units, surgical centers, urgent care centers, and
25 clinics and organizations serving pregnant women.

26 (iii) Promote professional education programs for
27 health care providers on the benefits of cord blood banking.

28 (iv) Promulgate rules and regulations necessary to
29 implement the provisions of this act in accordance with the
30 Administrative Procedures Act.

31 (3) The State Department of Health shall accept and expend
32 any grants, awards or other funds as may be made available for the
33 purposes of this section. Subject to an appropriation from the
34 Legislature, the department shall implement the provisions of this
35 section.

36 (4) The State Department of Health is prohibited from using
37 the Umbilical Cord Blood Banking Program for cloning or DNA
38 research purposes.

39 (5) Cord blood banks may prepare and provide brochures and
40 other written materials for distribution to promote cord blood
41 banking awareness and the benefits of cord blood banking, if the
42 brochures and materials are first approved by the State Department
43 of Health.



44 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
45 and after July 1, 2014.

