

**SB212 INTRODUCED**



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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would provide a state income tax credit to individuals and businesses that make voluntary cash contributions to an eligible pregnancy center or residential maternity facility.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To enact the Pregnancy Resource Act; Relating to income tax; to provide a state income tax credit to individuals and businesses that make contributions to eligible charitable organizations that operate as a pregnancy center or residential maternity facility; and to specify the obligations of the Department of Revenue in implementing the act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Pregnancy Resource Act."

(b) For the purposes of this section, the following words and phrases have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- (1) "Department" means the Department of Revenue.
- (2) "Eligible charitable organization" means an



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29 organization that is:

30 a. Exempt from federal income taxation under Section  
31 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

32 b. An Alabama nonprofit formed under Title 10A, Chapter  
33 3, Code of Alabama 1975; and

34 c. A pregnancy center or residential maternity facility  
35 that:

36 1. Regularly answers a dedicated phone number for  
37 clients; and

38 2. Maintains in this state its primary physical office,  
39 clinic, or residential home, which is open for clients for a  
40 minimum of 20 hours a week, excluding state holidays; and

41 3. Offers services, at no cost to the client, for the  
42 express purpose of providing assistance to women in order to  
43 carry their pregnancy to term, encourage parenting or  
44 adoption, prevent abortion, and promote healthy childbirth;  
45 and

46 4. Utilizes trained and licensed medical professionals  
47 to perform any available medical procedures.

48 (c)(1) The tax credit authorized in this section shall  
49 be available to:

50 a. A taxpayer who is an individual taxpayer, except  
51 that a husband and wife who file separate returns for a  
52 taxable year in which they could have filed a joint return may  
53 each claim only one-half of the tax credit that would have  
54 been allowed for a joint return;

55 b. A taxpayer who is a business enterprise engaged in  
56 commercial, industrial, or professional activities and



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57 operating as a corporation, limited liability company,  
58 partnership, or sole proprietorship.

59 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a  
60 credit is allowed against the state income tax imposed by  
61 Section 40-18-2, Code of Alabama 1975, for voluntary cash  
62 contributions made by a taxpayer during the taxable year to an  
63 eligible charitable organization. The amount of credit that  
64 may be claimed by a taxpayer in a taxable year shall not  
65 exceed 50 percent of the total state income tax liability of  
66 the taxpayer. Any tax credit claimed under this section, but  
67 not used in any taxable year, may be carried forward for five  
68 consecutive years from the close of the tax year in which the  
69 credits were earned.

70 (3) A contribution for which a credit is claimed under  
71 this section may not be used as a deduction by the taxpayer  
72 for state income tax purposes.

73 (4) No tax credit provided by this section may be  
74 transferred to another taxpayer.

75 (d) Taxpayers taking a credit authorized by this  
76 section shall provide the name of the eligible charitable  
77 organization and the amount of the contribution to the  
78 department on forms provided by the department.

79 (e) (1) An eligible charitable organization shall  
80 provide the department with a written certification that it  
81 meets all criteria to be considered an eligible charitable  
82 organization. The organization shall also notify the  
83 department within 60 days of any changes that may affect  
84 eligibility under this section.



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85           (2) The eligible charitable organization's written  
86 certification must be signed by an officer of the organization  
87 under penalty of perjury. The written certification shall  
88 include the following:

89           a. Verification of the organization's status under  
90 Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;

91           b. A statement that the organization does not provide,  
92 pay for, refer for, promote or provide coverage of drug  
93 induced or surgical abortions and does not financially or  
94 otherwise support, partner with, or affiliate with any other  
95 entity that provides, pays for, refers for, promotes or  
96 provides coverage of abortions, including nonsurgical  
97 abortions and abortifacients; and

98           c. A statement that the organization maintains its  
99 principal office or presence in this state and that at least  
100 50 percent of its clients claim to be residents of this state.

101           (f) The department shall review each written  
102 certification and determine whether the organization meets all  
103 the criteria to be considered an eligible charitable  
104 organization and notify the organization of its determination.  
105 The department may also periodically request recertification  
106 from the organization. The department shall compile and make  
107 available to the public a list of eligible charitable  
108 organizations.

109           (g) Tax credits authorized by this section that are  
110 earned by a partnership, limited liability company, S  
111 corporation, or other similar pass-through entity, shall be  
112 allocated among all partners, members, or shareholders,



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113 respectively, either in proportion to their ownership interest  
114 in such entity or as the partners, members, or shareholders  
115 mutually agree as provided in an executed document.

116 (h) A taxpayer shall apply for credits with the  
117 department on forms prescribed by the department. In the  
118 application the taxpayer shall certify to the department the  
119 dollar amount of the contributions made or to be made during  
120 the calendar year. Within 30 days after the receipt of an  
121 application, the department shall allocate credits based on  
122 the dollar amount of contributions as certified in the  
123 application. However, if the department cannot allocate the  
124 full amount of credits certified in the application due to the  
125 limit on the aggregate amount of credits that may be awarded  
126 under this section in a calendar year, the department shall so  
127 notify the applicant within 30 days with the amount of  
128 credits, if any, that may be allocated to the applicant in the  
129 calendar year. Once the department has allocated credits to a  
130 taxpayer, if the contribution for which a credit is allocated  
131 has not been made as of the date of the allocation, then the  
132 contribution must be made not later than 90 days from the date  
133 of the allocation. If the contribution is not made within such  
134 time period, the allocation shall be cancelled and returned to  
135 the department for reallocation. Upon final documentation of  
136 the contributions, if the actual dollar amount of the  
137 contributions is lower than the amount estimated, the  
138 department shall adjust the tax credit allowed under this  
139 section.

140 (i) The aggregate amount of tax credits that may be



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141 allocated by the department under this section during a  
142 calendar year shall not exceed ten million dollars  
143 (\$10,000,000). No more than 50 percent of the total amount of  
144 credits provided for by this section may be allocated for  
145 contributions to a single eligible charitable organization  
146 during a calendar year.

147 (j) The department may enact rules as necessary to  
148 implement and administer the provisions of this section.

149 (k) The tax credits allowed under this section shall be  
150 effective January 1, 2024, for the 2024 taxable year and shall  
151 continue through the 2028 tax year, unless extended by act of  
152 the Legislature.

153 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first  
154 day of the third month following its passage and approval by  
155 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.