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**H 1331. EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT CORD BLOOD BANKING.** Filed 4/8/09. *TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, AND TO ENCOURAGE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO PREGNANT PATIENTS, EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING UMBILICAL CORD STEM CELLS AND UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD BANKING.*

Amends GS Chapter 130A by creating new GS 130A-128A directing the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) effective January 1, 2010, to make available on its website printable publications containing specified medically accurate information relating to umbilical cord stem cells and blood banking sufficient to allow a pregnant woman to make an informed decision about whether to participate in an umbilical cord blood banking program. Directs DHHS to encourage health care professionals to provide pregnant women with these publications. Prohibits a health care professional or health care institution from being held liable in a civil action, subject to criminal prosecution, or subject to disciplinary action by state licensing boards for acting in good faith with respect to informing a pregnant woman about these publications.

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