

~~ITS BELIEFS~~ may not be required to collect cord blood ~~[i~~if the collection of cord blood conflicts with the bona fide religious practices and beliefs of the hospital or hospital employee~~]~~.

~~[(e) This section may not be construed to require a hospital to arrange for the donation of blood extracted from umbilical cords.]~~

~~(F) (1) THE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH OBSTETRICIANS, THE MARYLAND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, AND INTERESTED GROUPS, SHALL DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS CONCERNING THE VALUES, USES, AND DONATION OF UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD FOR THE PURPOSES OF PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.~~

~~(2) EACH OBSTETRICIAN AND HOSPITAL THAT PROVIDES OBSTETRICAL SERVICES SHALL DISTRIBUTE THE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO PREGNANT PATIENTS.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

Approved May 2, 2006.

CHAPTER 241

(Senate Bill 238)

AN ACT concerning

Education State Department of Education - Comprehensive Induction Program for New Teachers Programs - Guidelines

~~FOR the purpose of establishing a comprehensive induction program in the State Department of Education for new teachers employed by hard to staff schools; requiring that the comprehensive induction program include mentoring, professional development training and support, and formal assessments of teachers participating in the program; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations to implement the comprehensive induction program; requiring that funding for the comprehensive induction program be as provided in the State budget; and generally relating to establishing a comprehensive induction program in the State Department of Education requiring the State Department of Education to develop certain guidelines for the establishment of comprehensive induction programs for new teachers employed by certain hard-to-staff schools; requiring the guidelines to include certain provisions concerning mentoring, professional development training and support, eligibility criteria, and certain other standards; requiring that funding for the development of the guidelines be as provided in the State budget; and generally relating to the State Department of Education and guidelines for comprehensive induction programs.~~

BY adding to