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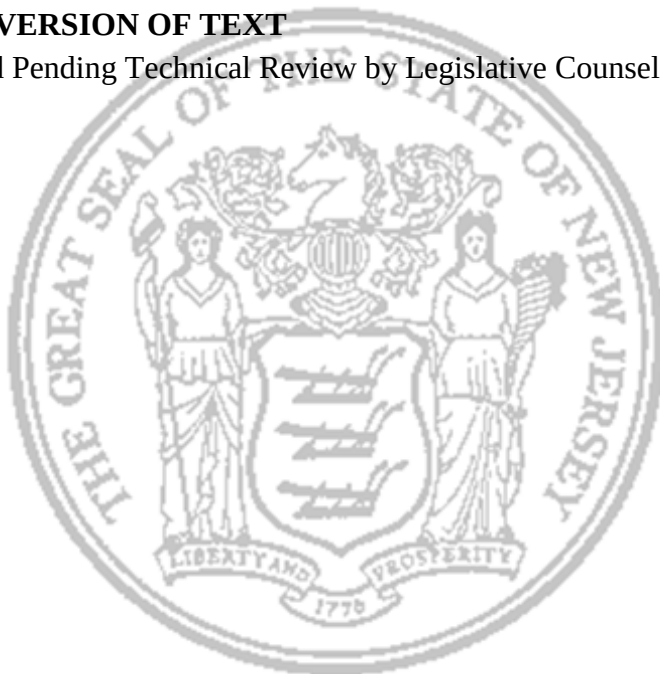
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Chaparro, Mosquera, Tucker and Assemblyman Greenwald**

SYNOPSIS

Directs DOH to develop standardized perinatal health curriculum for community health workers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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37 This bill directs the Department of Health to develop a
38 standardized curriculum concerning perinatal health for the training of
39 community health workers who provide education and support
40 services to women of childbearing age. The curriculum is to include
41 basic educational information and materials concerning factors and
42 behaviors that affect maternal and infant health and childbirth,
43 including, but not limited to: alcohol and substance use during
44 pregnancy; maternal medical conditions that affect pregnancy;
45 premature births and low birthweight babies; cesarean sections and
46 labor induction; labor and delivery; infant mortality; breastfeeding;
47 shaken baby syndrome; perinatal mood disorders; and the signs,
48 symptoms, and risk factors most commonly associated with maternal

1 and infant mortality and morbidity. The curriculum is to further
2 include information on: shared decision making; informed consent;
3 and resources available in the State for women, including, but not
4 limited to, resources and referrals available through the county central
5 intake agencies.

6 The bill provides that the department may, in developing the
7 curriculum, utilize information or resources developed by another
8 state, a professional association with expertise in maternal and infant
9 health, or an agency of the federal government.

10 The bill provides that the department is to promote and share the
11 curriculum as best practices for community doulas, nurse home
12 visitors, and childbirth educators in the State.