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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOH to create best practices manual for maternity care; appropriates \$950,000.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning maternity care, supplementing Title 26 of the
2 Revised Statutes, and making an appropriation.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. a. The Department of Health, in consultation with interested
8 stakeholders, shall develop a best practices manual for prenatal and
9 postpartum maternal care, which shall be designed to improve medical
10 treatment for maternity patients. Each hospital and ambulatory care
11 facility that provides care to maternity patients shall be required to
12 adopt, and ensure compliance with, the best practices manual as a
13 condition of licensure. The best practices manual shall include, but
14 shall not be limited to, requirements concerning: simulation drills,
15 obstetric response teams, screenings, treatment guidelines, the review
16 and update of facility policies to facilitate implementation of these best
17 practices, and the reporting of adverse events. The department shall
18 establish a system to revise and update the best practices manual as
19 may be appropriate.

20 b. The Department of Health shall apply for and accept any grant
21 of money from the State or federal government or other sources, which
22 may be available to carry out the purposes of subsection a. of this
23 section.

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25 2. There shall be appropriated from the General Fund to the
26 Department of Health \$950,000 for the fiscal year commencing July
27 1, 2019 to carry out the purposes of subsection a. of section 1 of
28 this act.

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30 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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35 This bill requires the Department of Health (DOH) to create a
36 best practices manual for maternity care.

37 Under the bill, the DOH, in consultation with interested
38 stakeholders, is to develop a best practices manual for prenatal and
39 postpartum maternal care, which is to be designed to improve
40 medical treatment for maternity patients. Each hospital and
41 ambulatory care facility that provides care to maternity patients is
42 to be required to adopt and ensure compliance with the best
43 practices manual as a condition of licensure. The best practices
44 manual is to include, but is not to be limited to, requirements
45 concerning: simulation drills; obstetric response teams; screenings;
46 treatment guidelines; the review and update of facility policies to
47 facilitate implementation of these best practices; and the reporting

1 of adverse events. The DOH is to establish a system to revise and
2 update the best practices manual as may be appropriate.

3 The bill provides that the DOH is to apply for and accept any
4 grant of money from the State or federal government or other
5 sources, which may be available to carry out the purposes of the
6 bill. Further, the bill provides for a \$950,000 appropriation from
7 New Jersey's General Fund to carry out the purposes of this bill.