

SENATE, No. 890

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOH and DHS to identify and take appropriate steps to secure federal sources of funding to support maternal mental health.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 9/14/2020)

1 **AN ACT** concerning maternal mental health and supplementing Title
2 26 and Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

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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 shall identify and take
8 appropriate steps to secure federal sources of funding to support
9 maternal mental health in the State, including, but not limited to,
10 the grant available pursuant to section 10005 of the federal “21st
11 Century Cures Act,” Pub. L. 114-255, 42 U.S.C. s.247b-13a.

12 b. No later than January 1, 2020, the department shall report to
13 the Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
14 19.1), concerning its efforts to secure and utilize federal sources of
15 funding to support maternal mental health pursuant to subsection a.
16 of this section.

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18 2. a. The Department of Human Services shall identify and
19 take appropriate steps to secure federal sources of funding to
20 support maternal mental health in the State.

21 b. No later than January 1, 2020, the department shall report to
22 the Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
23 19.1), concerning its efforts to secure and utilize federal sources of
24 funding to support maternal mental health pursuant to subsection a.
25 of this section.

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27 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire on
28 January 1, 2023.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill requires the Department of Health and the Department
34 of Human Services to identify and take appropriate steps to secure
35 federal sources of funding to support maternal mental health in New
36 Jersey. In the case of the Department of Health, the bill specifically
37 provide that the department is to take steps to secure the federal
38 grant that is available to establish, improve, or maintain programs
39 for the screening, assessment, and treatment of maternal depression
40 under section 10005 of the federal “21st Century Cures Act,” Pub.
41 L. 114-255, 42 U.S.C. s.247b-13a.

42 The departments will be required to report to the Legislature
43 concerning their respective efforts to secure and utilize federal
44 funding to support maternal mental health under the bill no later
45 than January 1, 2020. The bill will take effect immediately and will
46 expire on January 1, 2023.