

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4937**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**218th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires DOH 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: 2/26/2019)**

1 AN ACT concerning maternal mental health and supplementing Title  
2 26 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. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire on  
19 January 1, 2023.

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22 STATEMENT

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24 This bill requires the Department of Health to identify and take  
25 appropriate steps to secure federal sources of funding to support  
26 maternal mental health in New Jersey, including the federal grant  
27 that is available to establish, improve, or maintain programs for the  
28 screening, assessment, and treatment of maternal depression under  
29 section 10005 of the federal “21st Century Cures Act,” Pub. L. 114-  
30 255, 42 U.S.C. s.247b-13a. The department will be required to  
31 report to the Legislature concerning its efforts to secure and utilize  
32 federal funding to support maternal mental health under the bill no  
33 later than January 1, 2020. The bill will take effect immediately  
34 and will expire on January 1, 2023.