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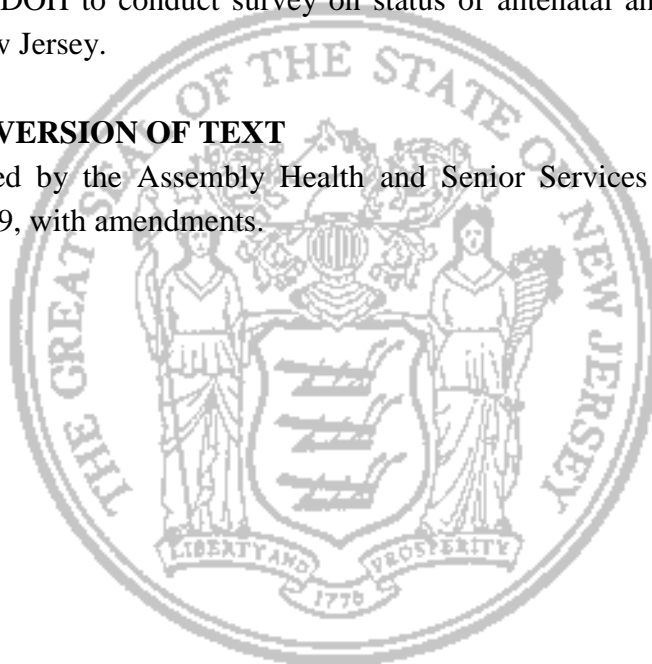
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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOH to conduct survey on status of antenatal and prenatal care clinics in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee on March 7, 2019, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning maternity¹, antenatal,¹ and prenatal care
2 services and supplementing Title 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 conduct a survey and
8 analysis of 'antenatal and' prenatal care clinics for the purpose of
9 evaluating the effectiveness of maternity¹, antenatal,¹ and prenatal
10 care services throughout the State. The survey shall include data
11 collected from all 'antenatal and' prenatal care clinics in the State,
12 including 'antenatal and' prenatal care clinics that have closed or
13 substantially ceased operations of any of its beds, facilities, or
14 services, within a two-year period prior to the effective date of this act.

15 b. The purpose of the survey shall be to:

16 (1) inform policy on the certificate of need requirements as
17 provided by P.L.1971, c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et seq.) concerning the
18 closure or discontinuance of all, or a component of, a 'antenatal and'
19 prenatal care clinic's services;

20 (2) assess the availability of 'antenatal and' prenatal care clinics
21 and their ability to provide maternity¹, antenatal,¹ and prenatal care
22 services;

23 (3) identify where low and moderate income pregnant women
24 receive maternity¹, antenatal,¹ and prenatal care services; and

25 (4) collect cultural, demographic, and socioeconomic background
26 data about the pregnant women served by 'antenatal and' prenatal care
27 clinics.

28 c. Survey data collected pursuant to this section shall be analyzed
29 to:

30 (1) identify local and Statewide trends and developments in the
31 provision of maternity¹, antenatal,¹ and prenatal care services and
32 disparities in the care received by pregnant women based on economic
33 factors and the accessibility of 'antenatal and' prenatal care clinics;
34 and

35 (2) develop programs, resources, and strategies to improve access
36 to, and the quality of, maternity¹, antenatal,¹ and prenatal care services
37 throughout the State.

38 The commissioner may contract with a third party entity to
39 administer the survey, review survey data, and produce the report
40 required pursuant to subsection d. of this section.

41 d. The commissioner shall make survey data collected pursuant to
42 this section available through the Department of Health's Internet
43 website in a user-friendly format, and shall, no later than 18 months
44 after the effective date of this act, submit a report to the Legislature,

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHE committee amendments adopted March 7, 2019.

1 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), concerning
2 the results of the survey and the commissioner's recommendations for
3 legislation or other appropriate action; provided that nothing in this
4 subsection shall be construed to authorize the disclosure of any
5 personal identifying information or confidential patient information.

6 e. As used in this section, "¹antenatal and¹ prenatal care clinic"
7 means an inpatient or ambulatory health care facility licensed by the
8 Department of Health that provides maternity¹, antenatal,¹ and
9 prenatal care services.

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11 2. The Commissioner of Health, pursuant to the
12 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
13 seq.), shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the
14 provisions of this act.

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16 3. This act shall take effect immediately.