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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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

20 b. The Department of Health shall seek funds from the federal
21 government, private donors, and any additional source to carry out
22 the purposes of subsection a. of this section.

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

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29 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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

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

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1 The bill provides that the DOH is to seek funds from the federal
2 government, private donors, and any additional source to carry out
3 the purposes of the bill. Further, the bill provides for a \$950,000
4 appropriation from New Jersey's General Fund to carry out the
5 purposes of this bill.