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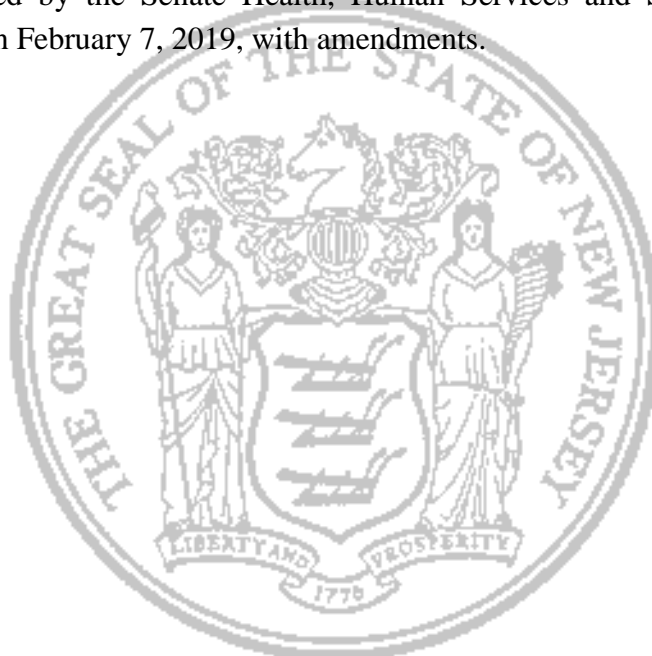
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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on February 7, 2019, with amendments.



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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 ¹**【seek funds from the federal**
21 **government, private donors, and any additional source】** apply for and
22 accept any grant of money from the State or federal government or
23 other sources, which may be available to¹ carry out the purposes of
24 subsection a. of this section.

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

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31 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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:

¹Senate SHH committee amendments adopted February 7, 2019.