

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 2127

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AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

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PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Fiedler

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 2127 creates the freestanding Perinatal and Postpartum Education Act.

The bill allows a hospital, birth center, physician and midwife / nurse-midwife to provide patients with a fact sheet and resource list for organizations that provide prenatal and postpartum counseling and assistance for perinatal or postpartum mood and anxiety disorder (PMAD).

The bill requires the Department of Health to:

- Make the following materials available on the department's publicly accessible website:
 - A printable resource list of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of professional organizations that provide pregnancy counseling and assistance to parents, including organizations that provide prenatal counseling, postpartum counseling and assistance with PMAD; and
 - A fact sheet that includes the common symptoms of PMAD;
- Update the resource list and fact sheet as needed; and
- Establish a public awareness campaign about the nature and causes of PMAD and its health implications, including the symptoms, coping strategies and the most effective means of treatment for PMAD.

The fact sheet and resource list shall be published in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Mandarin Chinese and other languages deemed appropriate by the department.

This act shall take effect in 240 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 2127 will have no fiscal impact to the Commonwealth. The Department of the Health is able to accommodate the increased administrative responsibilities within its existing budget and staffing levels.