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AB-1893 Maternal mental health: federal funding. (2017-2018)

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Assembly Bill No. 1893

CHAPTER 140

An act to add and repeal Section 123611 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

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Existing law finds and declares that prenatal care, delivery service, postpartum care, and neonatal and infant care are essential services necessary to assure maternal and infant health. Existing law requires the State Department of Public Health to develop and maintain a statewide community-based comprehensive perinatal services program to, among other program objectives, ensure the appropriate level of maternal, newborn, and pediatric care services necessary to provide the healthiest outcome for mother and infant.

This bill would require the department to investigate and apply for federal funding opportunities regarding maternal mental health, as specified. This bill would require the department to notify the Legislature on or before January 1, 2020, on the department's efforts to secure and utilize the federal funding it receives.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 123611 is added to the Health and Safety Code, to read:

123611. (a) The State Department of Public Health shall investigate and apply for federal funding opportunities, including, but not limited to, the grant available pursuant to Section 10005 of the federal 21st Century Cures Act (Public Law 114-146), to support maternal mental health, to the extent that programs are financed, in whole, by federal funds.

(b) The department shall notify the Legislature on or before January 1, 2020, on the department's efforts to secure and utilize the federal funding it receives from the requirement specified in subdivision (a).

(c) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2023, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute that is enacted before January 1, 2023, deletes or extends that date.