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Introduced by Sen. HANNON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to directing the commissioner of health to establish a program to engage at-risk pregnant women in early and continuous prenatal care to prevent complications during childbirth

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
2 2531 to read as follows:  
3 S 2531. REDUCING NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE ADMISSIONS. 1. THE COMMIS-  
4 SIONER SHALL, ON OR BEFORE JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND NINE, ESTABLISH A  
5 PROGRAM TO ENGAGE AT-RISK PREGNANT WOMEN IN EARLY AND CONTINUOUS PRENA-  
6 TAL CARE TO PREVENT COMPLICATIONS DURING CHILDBIRTH AND TO REDUCE NEONA-  
7 TAL INTENSIVE CARE ADMISSIONS. WITHIN THE AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED THEREFOR,  
8 THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROVIDE INCREASED FUNDING FOR ENHANCED CARE  
9 MANAGEMENT OF HIGH-RISK PREGNANT WOMEN THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED OUTREACH  
10 PROGRAMS. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE PSYCHO-SOCIAL CARE MANAGEMENT  
11 COUPLED WITH ASSISTANCE FROM OBSTETRICIANS AND/OR PRENATAL CARE ASSIST-  
12 ANCE PROVIDERS IDENTIFYING HIGH-RISK PREGNANCIES. THE PROGRAM ESTAB-  
13 LISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION INCLUDING THE AMOUNT OF INCREASED FUND-  
14 ING FOR ENHANCED CARE MANAGEMENT, SHALL BE MODELED AFTER A SIMILAR  
15 PROGRAM SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENTED IN THE COUNTY OF MONROE.  
16 2. ON OR BEFORE JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TEN, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL  
17 SUBMIT, TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE, A REPORT ON THE EFFECTIVE-  
18 NESS OF THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION ON REDUCING  
19 NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE ADMISSIONS AND EXPENDITURES UNDER THE MEDICAL  
20 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.  
21 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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