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Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Women's Issues -- recommitted to the Committee on Women's Issues in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to the statewide fibroid study program; and to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the statewide fibroid study program fund

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 267-b to read as follows:

§ 267-b. Statewide fibroid study program. 1. The commissioner shall establish within the department a statewide fibroid study program through which the department will study and evaluate the occurrence of fibroids and the alleviation of pain caused by these tumors. This program shall:

(a) examine and evaluate current research and progress in the study of fibroids;

(b) examine and evaluate current treatment methods for fibroids;

(c) identify potential barriers to access to treatment for fibroids;

(d) examine the symptoms and effects of fibroids on women of color;

(e) identify any potential barriers to access to treatment for fibroids, in addition to barriers identified pursuant to paragraph (h) of this subdivision, for women of color;

(f) make recommendations as the development of treatment methods for fibroids;

(g) make recommendations to remove any potential barriers to access to treatment of fibroids; and

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

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(h) make recommendations to remove any potential barriers to access to treatment of fibroids specific to potential barriers to access to treatment faced by women of color.

2. Any entity dedicated to the advancement of reproductive health shall be eligible to submit applications to receive funds from the department for the purpose of advancing the study of fibroids. A grant may be awarded upon submission of an application to the department.

3. On or before the first day of February each year, the commissioner shall provide a written report to the temporary president of the senate, speaker of the assembly, chair of the senate finance committee, chair of the assembly ways and means committee, chair of the senate committee on health, chair of the assembly health committee, the state comptroller and the public. Such report shall include how the monies of the fund were utilized during the preceding calendar year, and shall include:

(a) the amount of money disbursed from the fund and the process used for such disbursements;

(b) recipients of awards from the fund;

(c) the amount awarded to each;

(d) the purposes for which such awards were granted; and

(e) a summary financial plan for such monies which shall include estimates of all receipts and all disbursements for the current and succeeding fiscal years, along with the actual results from the prior fiscal year.

§ 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 87 to read as follows:

§ 87. Statewide fibroid study program fund. 1. There is hereby established in the custody of the state comptroller a special fund to be known as the "statewide fibroid study program fund".

2. The sources of funds shall consist of all moneys collected therefor, or moneys credited or transferred thereto from any other fund or source pursuant to law, or any other moneys made available for the purposes of such fund.

3. (a) Moneys of such fund shall be expended to the department of health to study fibroids and the alleviation of pain caused by fibroids.

(b) The department of health may also provide grants for the purpose of advancing the study of fibroids.

4. Monies shall be payable from the fund on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers approved and certified by the commissioner of health.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.