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Introduced by Sens. MYRIE, KRUEGER, PARKER, RAMOS, RIVERA, SEPULVEDA -- 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 the pregnant and birthing persons health crisis and establishing two centers of pregnant and birthing persons and childcare services; and to repeal title 3 of article 25 of such law relating to the control of midwifery

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Chisholm Chance Act".

§ 2. Title 3 of article 25 of the public health law is REPEALED and a new title 3 is added to read as follows:

TITLE III

CHISHOLM CHANCE ACT

Section 2560. Legislative findings.
2561. State university of New York center of pregnant and birthing persons and childcare services.
2562. Montefiore medical center of pregnant and birthing persons and childcare services.
2563. Appropriations.

§ 2560. Legislative findings. 1. The legislature hereby finds and declares that severe pregnant and birthing person morbidity constitutes a public health crisis that poses a serious threat to the health and quality of life of many pregnant and birthing persons and children. New York is among the bottom third of states for the number of pregnant and birthing persons dying, with pregnant and birthing persons of color dying at a rate three and one-half times more than other non-pregnant or birthing persons who could bear children. The highest rates of severe pregnant and birthing persons morbidity occur in two counties, Kings and

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

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Bronx county, with the highest rate occurring in north and central Brooklyn.

2. The legislature further finds and declares that centers of pregnant and birthing persons and childcare services should be established at the state university of New York downstate medical center in Kings county and at Montefiore medical center in Bronx county to address the severe pregnant and birthing persons morbidity crisis.

§ 2561. State university of New York center of pregnant and birthing persons and childcare services. 1. There is hereby established within the state university of New York downstate medical center a center of pregnant and birthing persons and childcare services, hereinafter referred to in this section as "the center". The center shall be dedicated to the care of pregnant and birthing persons and children and shall offer services, including but not limited to: (a) prenatal care; (b) prenatal and childbirth classes; (c) labor and delivery care; (d) high risk pregnancy care; (e) inpatient and outpatient lactation consultation and support; (f) heart health and heart disease prevention; (g) breast health and mammography; (h) gynecologic surgery; (i) imaging; (j) lab services; and (k) postpartum care.

2. The center shall provide clinical experiences for students enrolled in the state university of New York downstate health sciences center's school of health professions midwifery program.

3. The center shall also collaborate with the state university of New York downstate health sciences center for the conduction of research to inform and support health care professionals providing pregnant and birthing persons and childcare services at the center. Such research shall prioritize pregnant and birthing persons and children of color and shall include, but not be limited to: (a) research to better understand and address the increasing rates of life-threatening complications around pregnancy; (b) identifying biomarkers for risk of morbidity and mortality during and after pregnancy; (c) racial and ethnic disparities in rates of pregnancy-related death; and (d) treatments that will reduce the rates of life-threatening complications during pregnancy, labor and delivery, and the postpartum period.

4. The center shall coordinate with local social services agencies and specially trained community-based organizations to identify and address gaps in systems of care and coordinate outreach efforts to find and engage high-need pregnant and birthing persons and children in Kings county.

§ 2562. Montefiore medical center of pregnant and birthing persons and childcare services. 1. There is hereby established within the Montefiore medical center a center of pregnant and birthing persons and childcare services, hereinafter referred to in this section as "the center". The center shall be dedicated to the care of pregnant and birthing persons and children and shall offer services, including but not limited to: (a) prenatal care; (b) prenatal and childbirth classes; (c) labor and delivery care; (d) high risk pregnancy care; (e) inpatient and outpatient lactation consultation and support; (f) heart health and heart disease prevention; (g) breast health and mammography; (h) gynecologic surgery; (i) imaging; (j) lab services; and (k) postpartum care.

2. The center shall provide clinical experiences for students enrolled in Hostos community college.

3. The center shall also collaborate with Hostos community college for the conduction of research to inform and support health care professionals providing pregnant and birthing persons and childcare services at the center. Such research shall prioritize pregnant and birthing

persons and children of color and shall include, but not be limited to: (a) research to better understand and address the increasing rates of life-threatening complications around pregnancy; (b) identifying biomarkers for risk of morbidity and mortality during and after pregnancy; (c) racial and ethnic disparities in rates of pregnancy-related death; and (d) treatments that will reduce the rates of life-threatening complications during pregnancy, labor and delivery, and the postpartum period.

4. The center shall coordinate with local social services agencies and specially trained community-based organizations to identify and address gaps in systems of care and coordinate outreach efforts to find and engage high-need pregnant and birthing persons and children in Bronx county.

§ 2563. Appropriations. The provisions of this title shall be subject to available state appropriations.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.