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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 preg-  
nant 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 Assem-  
bly, do enact as follows:

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

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 Title 3 of article 25 of the public health law is REPEALED and a  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

### TITLE III

#### CHISHOLM CHANCE ACT

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7 Section 2560. Legislative findings.

8 2561. State university of New York center of pregnant and birth-  
9 ing persons and childcare services.

10 2562. Montefiore medical center of pregnant and birthing persons  
11 and childcare services.

12 2563. Appropriations.

13 § 2560. Legislative findings. 1. The legislature hereby finds and  
14 declares that severe pregnant and birthing person morbidity constitutes  
15 a public health crisis that poses a serious threat to the health and  
16 quality of life of many pregnant and birthing persons and children. New  
17 York is among the bottom third of states for the number of pregnant and  
18 birthing persons dying, with pregnant and birthing persons of color  
19 dying at a rate three and one-half times more than other non-pregnant or  
20 birthing persons who could bear children. The highest rates of severe  
21 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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1 Bronx county, with the highest rate occurring in north and central  
2 Brooklyn.

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

8 § 2561. State university of New York center of pregnant and birthing  
9 persons and childcare services. 1. There is hereby established within  
10 the state university of New York downstate medical center a center of  
11 pregnant and birthing persons and childcare services, hereinafter  
12 referred to in this section as "the center". The center shall be dedi-  
13 cated to the care of pregnant and birthing persons and children and  
14 shall offer services, including but not limited to: (a) prenatal care;  
15 (b) prenatal and childbirth classes; (c) labor and delivery care; (d)  
16 high risk pregnancy care; (e) inpatient and outpatient lactation consul-  
17 tation and support; (f) heart health and heart disease prevention; (g)  
18 breast health and mammography; (h) gynecologic surgery; (i) imaging; (j)  
19 lab services; and (k) postpartum care.

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

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

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

40 § 2562. Montefiore medical center of pregnant and birthing persons and  
41 childcare services. 1. There is hereby established within the Montefi-  
42 ore medical center a center of pregnant and birthing persons and child-  
43 care services, hereinafter referred to in this section as "the center".  
44 The center shall be dedicated to the care of pregnant and birthing  
45 persons and children and shall offer services, including but not limited  
46 to: (a) prenatal care; (b) prenatal and childbirth classes; (c) labor  
47 and delivery care; (d) high risk pregnancy care; (e) inpatient and  
48 outpatient lactation consultation and support; (f) heart health and  
49 heart disease prevention; (g) breast health and mammography; (h) gynecol-  
50 ogic surgery; (i) imaging; (j) lab services; and (k) postpartum care.

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

53 3. The center shall also collaborate with Hostos community college for  
54 the conduction of research to inform and support health care profes-  
55 sionals providing pregnant and birthing persons and childcare services  
56 at the center. Such research shall prioritize pregnant and birthing

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

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

14 § 2563. Appropriations. The provisions of this title shall be subject  
15 to available state appropriations.

16 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.