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Introduced by M. of A. ROZIC -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to establishing the comprehensive sexual and reproductive health program

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 "comprehensive sexual and reproductive health program".

§ 2. The public health law is amended by adding a new article 25-C to read as follows:

ARTICLE 25-C

COMPREHENSIVE SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH PROGRAM

Section 2599-dd. Comprehensive sexual and reproductive health program.

§ 2599-dd. Comprehensive sexual and reproductive health program. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care" shall mean a range of health care services and information that positively supports an individual's state of physical, emotional, mental and social well-being in relation to all aspects of sexuality and reproduction.

(b) "Program" shall mean the comprehensive sexual and reproductive health program.

2. The department shall establish a comprehensive sexual and reproductive health program. Such program shall provide funding to providers whose primary function is to facilitate access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care services and information for low-income, uninsured and underinsured individuals. Such program shall be designed to provide support to providers to facilitate access to care, fund uncompensated care, and support community awareness of comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care services across New York state.

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

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3. In establishing and operating the program, the department shall consult a range of experts whose mission is to provide and/or expand access to comprehensive sexual and reproductive care, to ensure the program structure and expenditures are reflective of the needs of providers and consumers. The department shall promulgate regulations necessary for implementation of the program.

4. Funding used to support the program shall be pursuant to funds appropriated by the legislature and pursuant to subsequent chapters of law and shall be, at minimum, equal to the amount appropriated on April first, two thousand twenty-four, including any federal funding, for similar purposes plus an additional five percent increase to such funding annually. Such funding shall also be used to support the cost of administering the program and for any other purpose authorized by this article. The level of expenditure by the department for the administrative support of the program created pursuant to this article shall be subject to review and approval annually through the state budget process.

§ 3. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.