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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3511

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3511 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the the
5 Maternal Mental Health Conditions Education, Early Diagnosis,
6 and Treatment Act.

7 Section 5. Findings. The General Assembly finds the
8 following:

9 (1) Maternal depression is a common complication of
10 pregnancy. Maternal mental health disorders encompass a
11 range of mental health conditions, such as depression,
12 anxiety, and postpartum psychosis.

13 (2) Maternal mental health conditions affect one in 5
14 women during or after pregnancy, but all women are at risk
15 of suffering from maternal mental health conditions.

16 (3) Untreated maternal mental health conditions

1 significantly and negatively impact the short-term and
2 long-term health and well-being of affected women and their
3 children.

4 (4) Untreated maternal mental health conditions cause
5 adverse birth outcomes, impaired maternal-infant bonding,
6 poor infant growth, childhood emotional and behavioral
7 problems, and significant medical and economic costs,
8 estimated to be \$22,500 per mother.

9 (5) Lack of understanding and social stigma of mental
10 health conditions prevent women and families from
11 understanding the signs, symptoms, and risks involved with
12 maternal mental health conditions and disproportionately
13 affect women who lack access to social support networks.

14 (6) It is the intent of the General Assembly to raise
15 awareness of the risk factors, signs, symptoms, and
16 treatment options for maternal mental health conditions
17 among pregnant women and their families, the general
18 public, primary health care providers, and health care
19 providers who care for pregnant women, postpartum women,
20 and newborn infants.

21 Section 10. Definitions. In this Act:

22 "Birthing hospital" means a hospital that has an approved
23 obstetric category of service and licensed beds by the Health
24 Facilities and Services Review Board.

25 "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

1 "Maternal mental health condition" means a mental health
2 condition that occurs during pregnancy or during the postpartum
3 period and includes, but is not limited to, postpartum
4 depression.

5 Section 15. Educational materials about maternal mental
6 health conditions. The Department shall develop educational
7 materials for health care professionals and patients about
8 maternal mental health conditions. A birthing hospital shall,
9 on or before January 1, 2021, distribute these materials to
10 employees regularly assigned to work with pregnant or
11 postpartum women and incorporate these materials in any
12 employee training that is related to patient care of pregnant
13 or postpartum women. A birthing hospital shall supplement the
14 materials provided by the Department to include relevant
15 resources to the region or community in which the birthing
16 hospital is located. The educational materials developed under
17 this Section shall include all of the following:

18 (1) Information for postpartum women and families
19 about maternal mental health conditions, post-hospital
20 treatment options, and community resources.

21 (2) Information for hospital employees regularly
22 assigned to work in the perinatal unit, including, as
23 appropriate, registered nurses and social workers, about
24 maternal mental health conditions.

25 (3) Any other service the birthing hospital determines

1 should be included in the program to provide optimal
2 patient care.".