



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6592

LCO No. 1955



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:

REP. BELTON, 100th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING FATHER INCLUSION AND ENGAGEMENT IN
MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH OUTCOMES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to (1) require the Commissioner
- 2 of Public Health to (A) develop and implement a public awareness
- 3 campaign to promote understanding and awareness of the importance
- 4 of father inclusion and engagement during pregnancy, childbirth and
- 5 postpartum, and (B) develop, in consultation with health care providers
- 6 and community organizations, and issue guidance to hospitals, birthing
- 7 centers, midwives, pediatricians and obstetricians on engaging fathers
- 8 in maternal and infant health care, and (2) require the Commissioner of
- 9 Social Services to establish a grant program to support local programs
- 10 that (A) educate fathers about their role in maternal and child health, (B)
- 11 provide resources for father-to-father mentorship, and (C) promote
- 12 inclusive family health care practices.

Statement of Purpose:

To promote father involvement in maternal and infant health.