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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING PROTECTIONS FOR ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND THE EQUITABLE DELIVERY OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN THE STATE."

1 Strike section 5 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

3 (1) "Patient-identifiable data" means any information that identifies,
4 or may reasonably be used as a basis to identify, an individual patient;

5 (2) "Nonprofit organization" means an organization that is exempt
6 from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
7 of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the
8 United States, as amended from time to time;

9 (3) "Pregnancy-related service" means any medical or health
10 counseling service related to pregnancy or pregnancy prevention,
11 including, but not limited to, contraception and contraceptive
12 counseling, pregnancy testing, pregnancy diagnosis, pregnancy options
13 counseling, obstetric ultrasound, obstetric sonogram and prenatal care;

14 (4) "Birth center services" has the same meaning as provided in
15 section 19a-566 of the general statutes;

16 (5) "Pregnancy services center" has the same meaning as provided in
17 section 19a-912 of the general statutes;

18 (6) "Birth center" has the same meaning as provided in section 19a-
19 490 of the general statutes; and

20 (7) "Unserved or underserved populations" means individuals from
21 racial and ethnic minority backgrounds, disadvantaged individuals,
22 individuals with limited English proficiency, and individuals from
23 underserved rural or urban geographic areas.

24 (b) There is established an account to be known as the "safe
25 pregnancy and infants account", which shall be a separate, nonlapsing
26 account of the State Treasurer. The account shall contain any funds
27 received from any private contributions, gifts, grants, donations,
28 bequests or devises to the account and all earnings on such funds. The
29 State Treasurer shall invest the moneys deposited in the account in a
30 manner that is reasonable and appropriate to achieve the objectives of
31 such account while exercising the discretion and care of a prudent
32 person in similar circumstances with similar objectives. The State
33 Treasurer shall give due consideration to the rate of return risk, term or
34 maturity, the diversification of the total portfolio within such account,
35 the liquidity of funds, the projected disbursements and expenditures of
36 funds, and the expected payments, deposits, contributions and gifts to
37 be received. The moneys in the account shall be continuously invested
38 and reinvested in a manner consistent with the objectives of the account
39 until disbursed in accordance with this subsection. Any administrative

40 costs associated with maintenance or disbursement of moneys in the
41 account shall be paid from the account and no taxpayer funds shall pay
42 for such administrative costs, except nothing in this subsection shall
43 prohibit the State Treasurer from utilizing available staff resources to
44 administer the account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the
45 board of trustees, established pursuant to subsection (c) of this section,
46 for the purpose of providing grants to (1) pregnancy services centers
47 and birth centers located in the state, or (2) nonprofit organizations that
48 provide infant formula or diapers for children under the age of twelve
49 months.

50 (c) The safe pregnancy and infants account shall be administered by
51 a board of trustees consisting of the following members:

52 (1) The Treasurer, or the Treasurer's designee, who shall serve as
53 chairperson of the board of trustees; and

54 (2) Four members appointed by the Treasurer, (A) one of whom shall
55 be a provider of pregnancy-related services in the state, (B) one of whom
56 shall be a provider of birth center services in the state, (C) one of whom
57 shall have experience working with providers of pregnancy-related or
58 birth center services, and (D) one of whom shall have experience
59 working with providers of pregnancy-related or birth center services or
60 infant care to members of unserved or underserved populations.

61 (d) Not later than September 1, 2025, the board of trustees shall adopt
62 policies and procedures concerning the awarding of grants pursuant to
63 the provisions of this section. Such policies and procedures shall
64 include, but need not be limited to, (1) grant application procedures,
65 including procedures regarding subgrants, (2) eligibility criteria for
66 applicant pregnancy services centers, birth centers or nonprofit
67 organizations, including, but not limited to, subgrantees, and for
68 individuals served by such grants, (3) consideration of need of the
69 individuals served by such grants, including, but not limited to, the
70 urgency or time sensitivity of the circumstances and financial need, and
71 (4) procedures to coordinate with any national network created to

72 perform similar functions to those of the safe pregnancy and infants
73 account, including, but not limited to, procedures for the acceptance of
74 funding transferred to the safe pregnancy and infants account for a
75 particular use. Such policies and procedures shall not require the
76 retention of patient-identifiable data in order to receive a grant. Such
77 policies and procedures may be updated as deemed necessary by the
78 board of trustees. In the event that the board of trustees determines that
79 the policies and procedures adopted pursuant to the provisions of this
80 subsection are inadequate with respect to (A) determining the eligibility
81 of a certain pregnancy services center, birth center or nonprofit
82 organization for a grant, or (B) whether a certain health care service
83 received by an individual is eligible to be reimbursed or paid by a
84 pregnancy services center, birth center or nonprofit organization using
85 grant moneys received pursuant to this section, the board of trustees
86 may make a fact-based determination as to such eligibility."