HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2111 **PRINTERS NO**. 3841 **PRIME SPONSOR**: Marshall

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
General Fund	**$0**	**$0**

SUMMARY: House Bill 2111, Printer's Number 3841, the Down Syndrome Prenatal and Postnatal Education Act, requires the Department of Health (DOH) to make information publications available on its publically accessible website for health care practitioners to provide to parents upon receiving a test result that is positive for Down syndrome. This legislation is effective in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation requires a health care practitioner that administers, or causes to be administered, a test for Down syndrome to provide the expectant or new parent with educational information made available by the DOH upon receiving a positive test result. Down syndrome is defined as a chromosomal condition caused by an error in cell division that results in the presence of an extra or partial copy of chromosome 21.

The DOH educational information shall include: up-to-date, evidence-based information about Down syndrome; contact information for resources to assist in treatment options, education and support services; and any other information deemed necessary by DOH. The information on the website must conform to the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in Health and Health Care as adopted by the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Department of Health does not anticipate any costs related to developing and maintaining the informational publications on its website that cannot be absorbed within current funding.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.