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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES, JUNE 20, 2023

AN ACT

1 Providing for a universal maternal home visiting program; and
2 conferring powers and imposing duties on the Office of Child
3 Development and Early Learning.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Universal
8 Maternal Home Visiting Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Eligible family." A family who is eligible for home
14 visiting services under a maternal home visiting program.

15 "Maternal home visiting program." An evidence-based home
16 visiting model proven to improve child health and be cost
17 effective, as measured by the Home Visiting Evidence of
18 Effectiveness (HomVEE) Program.

1 "Office." The Office of Child Development and Early
2 Learning.

3 Section 3. Universal maternal home visiting.

4 (a) Purpose.--It is the goal of the Commonwealth to offer
5 maternal home visiting programs universally to eligible
6 families.

7 (b) Home visiting plan.--Within 100 days of the effective
8 date of this subsection, the office shall establish a five-year
9 plan to offer evidence-based maternal home visiting programs to
10 eligible families. The office shall publish the plan on its
11 publicly accessible Internet website.

12 (c) Contents of plan.--

13 (1) The plan may include:

14 (i) Expansion of existing maternal home visiting
15 programs.

16 (ii) Proposed applications for Federal and
17 foundation grant funding.

18 (iii) Social impact bonds.

19 (iv) Other programs the office identifies that would
20 result in an efficient expansion of maternal home
21 visiting service offerings.

22 (2) The plan shall target expansion of maternal home
23 visiting programs by at least 20% per year.

24 (d) Office actions.--The plan shall detail actions that the
25 office may pursue without additional legislative action. Within
26 60 days of the plan's publication on the office's publicly
27 accessible Internet website, the office shall commence those
28 actions.

29 (e) Action by General Assembly.--For aspects of the plan
30 that require additional action by the General Assembly, the

1 office shall include in the plan specific requests and outlines
2 of legislative action needed, including budget requests.
3 Section 4. Effective date.
4 This act shall take effect in 60 days.