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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: Mike Heim, Revisor of Statutes Office

Date: Mar. 12, 2024

Subject: HB 2809

HB 2809 creates the every mom matters act.

The legislature declares that the purpose of the matters act is to give pregnant women and parents access to support services and resources to promote healthy pregnancies and childbirths, provide information on adoption and increase access to resources that promote family and child development.

The bill establishes the every mom matters program to be administered by the secretary of health and environment.

The program shall make the following support services available to participants in the program:

- (1) Assistance in assessing and evaluating the needs of the participant related to a pregnancy or parenting;
- (2) providing medically accurate pregnancy-related information, including, but not limited to, educational materials on pregnancy health, obstetric care, what to expect in the birth process, how to communicate with medical providers and postpartum care;
- (3) assistance in obtaining medical coverage, obstetric care, primary healthcare, mental or behavioral health counseling, substance abuse treatment, postpartum care and pediatric care;
- (4) providing information on the adoption process in this state;
- (5) providing educational information on life skills, parenting skills, job skills, decision making, healthy relationships and the success sequence;
- (6) assistance in developing a care plan for support during pregnancy and post-childbirth parenting;
- (7) assistance in obtaining employment or entering into a job training

program;

(8) making referrals on behalf of participants to the appropriate local charitable organizations and to the appropriate agencies for federal and state benefits programs;

(9) assistance in applying for federal and state benefits programs;

(10) assistance in obtaining support and resources if the participant is a victim of abuse, assault, sexual assault, neglect, coercion or human trafficking; and

(11) any other services available to participants that further the purposes of this act.

The state treasurer is required to enter into agreements with one or more eligible contractors to provide the support services and resources required under this program.

To be eligible to be accepted in the program, a person shall be:

(1) A resident of this state; and

(2) (A) The biological parent of an unborn child;

(B) an adoptive parent of a child under one year of age; or

(C) a parent of a person who is under 18 years of age and the biological parent of an unborn child.

Participants accepted into the program are eligible to continue receiving support services and resources under the program for:

(1) Two years if the pregnancy related to the participant's eligibility results in a live birth;

(2) six months if the pregnancy related to the participant's eligibility results in a spontaneous miscarriage or stillbirth; or

(3) 15 days if the pregnancy related to the participant's eligibility results in an induced termination of such pregnancy.

The bill lists the duties of the state treasurer and the contractors.