

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to perinatal mental health; providing
 3 a short title; creating s. 383.014, F.S.; requiring
 4 the Department of Health to offer perinatal mental
 5 health care information through the Family Health Line
 6 toll-free hotline accessible to the general public;
 7 amending s. 383.318, F.S.; revising components that
 8 are included in the postpartum evaluation and followup
 9 care provided by birth centers to include a mental
 10 health screening and the provision of certain
 11 information on postpartum depression; providing an
 12 effective date.

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 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 16 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Florida Families
 17 First Act."

18 Section 2. Section 383.014, Florida Statutes, is created
 19 to read:

20 383.014 Perinatal mental health care.—By January 1, 2019,
 21 the Department of Health shall offer perinatal mental health
 22 care information through the Family Health Line toll-free
 23 hotline, accessible to the general public, which:

- 24 (1) Provides basic information on postpartum depression;
 25 (2) May recommend that a caller be further evaluated by a

26 | qualified health care provider; and

27 | (3) May refer a caller to an appropriate health care
 28 | provider in the caller's local area.

29 | Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 383.318, Florida
 30 | Statutes, is amended to read:

31 | 383.318 Postpartum care for birth center clients and
 32 | infants.—

33 | (3) The birth center shall provide a postpartum evaluation
 34 | and followup care that includes all of the following ~~shall be~~
 35 | ~~provided, which shall include:~~

36 | (a) Physical examination of the infant.

37 | (b) Metabolic screening tests required by s. 383.14.

38 | (c) Referral to sources for pediatric care.

39 | (d) Maternal postpartum assessment that incorporates
 40 | mental health screening.

41 | (e) Information on postpartum depression and the telephone
 42 | number of the Family Health Line operated pursuant to s.
 43 | 383.011.

44 | ~~(f)~~ (e) Instruction in child care, including immunization,
 45 | breastfeeding, safe sleep practices, and possible causes of
 46 | Sudden Unexpected Infant Death.

47 | ~~(g)~~ (f) Family planning services.

48 | ~~(h)~~ (g) Referral to secondary or tertiary care, as
 49 | indicated.

50 | Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.