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1 2 An act relating to perinatal mental health; providing 3 a short title; creating s. 383.014, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to offer perinatal mental 4 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 health screening and the provision of certain 10 11 information on postpartum depression; providing an 12 appropriation; providing an effective date. 13 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 15 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 May recommend that a caller be further evaluated by a (2)

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qualified health care provider; and
(3) May refer a caller to an appropriate health care
provider in the caller's local area.
Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 383.318, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:
383.318 Postpartum care for birth center clients and
infants.—
(3) The birth center shall provide a postpartum evaluation
and followup care that includes all of the following shall be
provided, which shall include:
(a) Physical examination of the infant.
(b) Metabolic screening tests required by s. 383.14.
(c) Referral to sources for pediatric care.
(d) Maternal postpartum assessment that incorporates
mental health screening.
(e) Information on postpartum depression and the telephone
number of the Family Health Line operated pursuant to s.
<u>383.011.</u>
(f) (e) Instruction in child care, including immunization,
breastfeeding, safe sleep practices, and possible causes of
Sudden Unexpected Infant Death.
(g) (f) Family planning services.
(h) (g) Referral to secondary or tertiary care, as
indicated.
Section 4. For fiscal year 2018-2019, the sums of \$104,320

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in recurring funds and \$21,600 in nonrecurring funds from the

General Revenue Fund are appropriated to the Department of

Health for the purpose of implementing s. 383.014, Florida

Statutes.

Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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