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TO: Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB341 by Uresti (Relating to parenting and postpartum counseling information to be provided to a pregnant woman.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill relates to parenting and postpartum counseling information to be provided to a pregnant woman. The bill would require the Department of Health (TDH) to make available on the agency's website a printable list of professional organizations that provide postpartum counseling and assistance to parents. The bill would also require midwives, nurse midwives, and physicians to provide a resource list of professional organizations that provide crisis counseling and assistance to parents.

To implement the provisions of the bill, the agency would amend existing rules to include the new requirement of the resource list. TDH indicates that modifying the agency's website as needed to implement the bill's provisions would be absorbed using existing resources.

TDH indicates that the bill would require extensive coordination with local resources and organizations that provide crisis counseling and assistance dealing with pregnancy, parenting and postpartum depression.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 501 Department of Health

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