
Health Care Committee

HB 1427

Brief Description: Ordering a public information campaign on postpartum depression.

Sponsors: Representatives Roberts, Hinkle, Schual-Berke, Roach, Darneille, Clibborn, Dickerson, P. Sullivan, Kagi, Pettigrew, O'Brien, Williams, Ormsby, Morrell, Chase, Santos and Haigh.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Directs the Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect to conduct a public information campaign regarding postpartum depression.

Hearing Date: 2/3/05

Staff: Chris Blake (786-7392).

Background:

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (College) distinguishes between three different types of mood disorders that a mother may experience in the period after childbirth: the "baby blues," postpartum depression, and postpartum psychosis. While the "baby blues" generally disappear within two weeks of delivery, postpartum depression can last from several months to over a year and frequently requires counseling and treatment. The College estimates that postpartum depression affects approximately ten percent of new mothers.

Summary of Bill:

The Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect shall conduct a public information campaign regarding the significance, signs, and treatment of postpartum depression. Twenty-five thousand dollars is appropriated for the campaign.

Appropriation: The sum of \$25,000.

Fiscal Note: Requested on 01/26/05.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.