

**26:2-199**  
**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST**

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**LAWS OF:** 2019                    **CHAPTER:** 236

**NJSA:** 26:2-199 (Requires DOH to establish "My Life, My Plan" program to support women of childbearing age in developing reproductive life plan.)

**BILL NO:** A4938                    (Substituted for S3376)

**SPONSOR(S)** Cleopatra G. Tucker and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** 1/17/2019

**COMMITTEE:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** Health & Senior Services  
Women & Children  
Appropriations

**SENATE:** ---

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** 6/20/2019

**SENATE:** 6/20/2019

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** 8/9/2019

**FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

**FINAL TEXT OF BILL** (Second Reprint enacted) Yes

**A4938**

**SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 2 of introduced bill) Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** Yes    Health & Senior Services  
Women & Children  
Appropriations

**SENATE:** No

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at [www.njleg.state.nj.us](http://www.njleg.state.nj.us))

**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** Yes    6/10/2019

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** Yes    3/25/2019  
6/21/2019

**S3376**

**SPONSOR'S STATEMENT:** (Begins on page 2 of introduced bill) Yes

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** No

**SENATE:** Yes    Health, Human Services &  
Senior Citizens

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**FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:** Yes 3/25/2019  
6/10/2019

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:** Yes 5/31/2019  
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Title 26.  
Chapter 2.  
Article 2.  
Part QQ (New)  
Reproductive  
Planning  
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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 236, *approved August 9, 2019*  
Assembly, No. 4938 (*Second Reprint*)

**AN ACT** concerning long-term reproductive planning and supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. a. The Commissioner of Health shall establish a “My Life, My Plan” program in the Department of Health to promote and support reproductive life planning for all women of childbearing age and their families. Program resources <sup>2</sup>**[shall]** may<sup>2</sup> include interactive online educational materials and tools to assist women with developing a reproductive life plan<sup>1</sup>**[**, including: specific action steps based on each woman’s values and reproductive goals; resources to promote good physical and mental health; resources concerning healthy relationships and domestic violence; resources concerning long-term family planning and contraception options; resources related to healthy environments and mitigating exposure to environmental risk factors; resources concerning financial health; resources related to child care assistance, including referral services and information concerning the New Jersey Child Care Subsidy Program and social service programs with a child care component; and resources specific to teenagers. Program resources may additionally include materials to assist men with reproductive life planning<sup>1</sup>. <sup>1</sup>The tools shall incorporate specific steps based on each woman’s values and reproductive goals, and ask questions about various aspects of a woman’s life that may impact her ability to plan for a healthy reproductive life <sup>2</sup>**[**, such as health behaviors, employment, prior pregnancies, issues with the criminal justice system, and access to transportation<sup>2</sup> . The program shall include components targeted for teenagers, and may additionally include reproductive life planning for <sup>2</sup>all populations, including<sup>2</sup> men <sup>2</sup>and individuals who identify as undesignated or non-binary<sup>2</sup> . The

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[ thus ]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted March 18, 2019.

<sup>2</sup>Senate floor amendments adopted June 10, 2019.

program shall include online resources that promote physical and mental health <sup>2</sup>, <sup>2</sup> and <sup>2</sup>may include<sup>2</sup> information concerning:

(1) access to well-woman preventative services, including eligibility for and enrollment in the NJ FamilyCare Program, established pursuant to sections 3 through 5 of P.L.2005, c.156 (C.30:4J-10 through C.30:4J-12);

(2) healthy relationships and domestic violence;

(3) long-term family planning and contraception options;

(4) educational resources concerning the causes of and treatments for infertility;

(5) healthy environments and mitigating exposure to environmental risk factors;

(6) financial health; and

(7) child care assistance, referral services, the New Jersey Child Care Subsidy Program, and other social service programs with a child care component.<sup>1</sup>

b. The commissioner shall develop programs and resources to encourage health care providers, community health workers, and healthcare facilities to encourage and support women in the development of a reproductive life plan, to encourage the integration of reproductive life plans into patient medical records, and to ensure that consultations, treatment, and other services provided to each woman are consistent with her reproductive life plan.

c. The commissioner may consult with or enter into partnerships with appropriate public and private entities for the purposes of developing and maintaining the “My Life, My Plan” program.

2. The Commissioner of Health, pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this act.

3. This act shall take effect <sup>2</sup>**[immediately]** 180 days after the date of enactment<sup>2</sup>.

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Requires DOH to establish “My Life, My Plan” program to support women of childbearing age in developing reproductive life plan.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 4938

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 17, 2019

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblywoman CLEOPATRA G. TUCKER**

**District 28 (Essex)**

**Assemblywoman NANCY J. PINKIN**

**District 18 (Middlesex)**

**Assemblywoman VALERIE VAINIERI HUTTLE**

**District 37 (Bergen)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

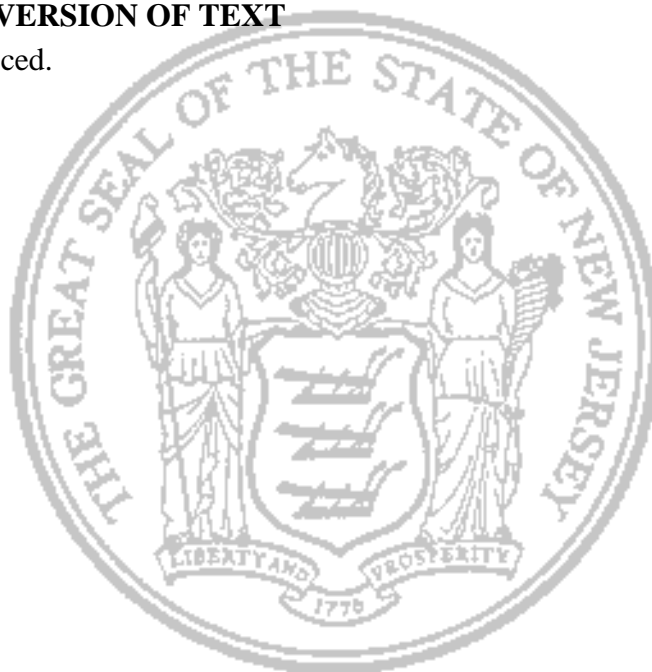
**Assemblywoman Chaparro, Assemblyman McKeon and Assemblywoman  
Murphy**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires DOH to establish “My Life, My Plan” program to support women of childbearing age in developing reproductive life plan.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/29/2019)**

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#### STATEMENT

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26 Currently, approximately half of all pregnancies in the United  
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30 healthcare. A reproductive life plan is a set of goals and action  
31 steps based on personal values, and includes resources to facilitate  
32 decisions as to whether to have children and when to become  
33 pregnant. Reproductive life plans are intended to promote planned,  
34 healthy pregnancies, positive birth outcomes, and overall health and  
35 well-being for women, men, and infants. The federal Centers for  
36 Disease Control and Prevention recommends that all women, men,  
37 and couples be encouraged to have a reproductive life plan.

# ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 4938

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 22, 2019

The Assembly Health and Senior Services Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4938.

This bill requires the Commissioner of Health to establish a “My Life, My Plan” program in the Department of Health to promote and support reproductive life planning for all women of childbearing age and their families. Program resources are to include interactive online educational materials and tools to assist women with developing a reproductive life plan, including: specific action steps based on each woman’s values and reproductive goals; resources to promote good physical and mental health; resources concerning healthy relationships and domestic violence; resources concerning long-term family planning and contraception options; resources related to healthy environments and mitigating exposure to environmental risk factors; resources concerning financial health; resources related to child care; and resources specific to teenagers. Program resources may additionally include materials to assist men with reproductive life planning.

The commissioner is to develop programs and resources to encourage health care providers, community health workers, and healthcare facilities to encourage and support women in the development of a reproductive life plan, to encourage the integration of a reproductive life plans into patient medical records, and to ensure that consultations, treatment, and other services provided to each woman are consistent with her reproductive life plan.

The commissioner will be permitted to consult with or enter into partnerships with appropriate public and private entities for the purposes of developing and maintaining the “My Life, My Plan” program.



# ASSEMBLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### ASSEMBLY, No. 4938

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 22, 2019

The Assembly Women and Children Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4938.

This bill requires the Commissioner of Health to establish a “My Life, My Plan” program in the Department of Health to promote and support reproductive life planning for all women of childbearing age and their families. Program resources are to include interactive online educational materials and tools to assist women with developing a reproductive life plan, including: specific action steps based on each woman’s values and reproductive goals; resources to promote good physical and mental health; resources concerning healthy relationships and domestic violence; resources concerning long-term family planning and contraception options; resources related to healthy environments and mitigating exposure to environmental risk factors; resources concerning financial health; resources related to child care; and resources specific to teenagers. Program resources may additionally include materials to assist men with reproductive life planning.

The commissioner is to develop programs and resources to encourage health care providers, community health workers, and healthcare facilities to encourage and support women in the development of a reproductive life plan, to encourage the integration of a reproductive life plans into patient medical records, and to ensure that consultations, treatment, and other services provided to each woman are consistent with her reproductive life plan.

The commissioner will be permitted to consult with or enter into partnerships with appropriate public and private entities for the purposes of developing and maintaining the “My Life, My Plan” program.

# ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 4938**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 18, 2019

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4938, with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires the Commissioner of Health to establish a “My Life, My Plan” program in the Department of Health to promote and support reproductive life planning for all women of childbearing age and their families. Program resources are to include interactive online educational materials and tools to assist women with developing a reproductive life plan. The tools are to incorporate specific steps based on each woman’s values and reproductive goals, and ask questions about various aspects of a woman’s life that may impact her ability to plan for a healthy reproductive life, such as health behaviors, employment, prior pregnancies, issues with the criminal justice system, and access to transportation. The program is to include components targeted for teenagers, and may additionally include reproductive life planning for men. The program is to include online resources that promote physical and mental health and information concerning:

(1) access to well-woman preventative services, including eligibility for and enrollment in the NJ FamilyCare Program, established pursuant to sections 3 through 5 of P.L.2005, c.156 (C.30:4J-10 through C.30:4J-12);

(2) healthy relationships and domestic violence;

(3) long-term family planning and contraception options;

(4) educational resources concerning the causes of and treatments for infertility;

(5) healthy environments and mitigating exposure to environmental risk factors;

(6) financial health; and

(7) child care assistance, referral services, the New Jersey Child Care Subsidy Program, and other social service programs with a child care component.

The commissioner is to develop programs and resources to encourage health care providers, community health workers, and healthcare facilities to encourage and support women in the development of a reproductive life plan, to encourage the integration of a reproductive life plans into patient medical records, and to ensure

that consultations, treatment, and other services provided to each woman are consistent with her reproductive life plan.

The commissioner will be permitted to consult with or enter into partnerships with appropriate public and private entities for the purposes of developing and maintaining the “My Life, My Plan” program.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill with respect to what is required to be included in the program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The OLS concludes that the DOH may incur an indeterminate increase in expenditures to establish the “My Life, My Plan” program. These costs will include: 1) one-time expenses to develop online educational materials for women and families, as well as supporting materials for the professional community; and 2) recurring expenses to maintain and update these materials, as needed. It is possible that the department may be able to minimize these expenses by utilizing existing resources and staff, as well as by partnering with other entities, as permitted under the bill, to develop the program. The OLS notes that multiple examples of reproductive life planning programs exist nationwide, and the DOH may seek assistance from the implementing entities, as well as incorporate certain existing program elements, in fulfilling the provisions of the bill.

STATEMENT TO  
[First Reprint]  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 4938**

with Senate Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Senator RUIZ)

ADOPTED: JUNE 10, 2019

These Senate floor amendments revise the bill to provide that certain elements of the My Life, My Plan program as set forth in the bill are permissive, rather than mandatory, and to remove certain specific elements.

These floor amendments revise the effective date from immediately upon enactment to 180 days after the date of enactment.

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

## ASSEMBLY, No. 4938

### STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE

DATED: MARCH 25, 2019

#### SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Requires DOH to establish "My Life, My Plan" program to support women of childbearing age in developing reproductive life plan.
- Type of Impact:** Annual State expenditure increase, General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Health.

#### Office of Legislative Services Estimate

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Annual</u></b>
<b>State Expenditure Increase</b>	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes that the Department of Health (DOH) may incur an indeterminate increase in expenditures to establish the "My Life, My Plan" program. These costs will include: 1) one-time expenses to develop online educational materials for women and families, as well as supporting materials for the professional community; and 2) recurring expenses to maintain and update these materials, as needed.
- It is possible that the department may be able to minimize these expenses by utilizing existing resources and staff, as well as by partnering with other entities to develop the program. The OLS notes that multiple examples of reproductive life planning programs exist nationwide, and the DOH may seek assistance from the implementing entities, as well as incorporate certain existing program elements, in fulfilling the provisions of the bill.

#### BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill requires the DOH to establish a "My Life, My Plan" program to promote and support reproductive life planning for all women of childbearing age and their families. Program resources are to include interactive online educational materials and tools to assist women with developing a reproductive life plan. The program is to include components targeting teenagers, and may additionally include reproductive life planning for men.

The department is to develop programs and resources to encourage health care providers, community health workers, and healthcare facilities to encourage and support women in the development of a reproductive life plan, to encourage the integration of a reproductive life plans into patient medical records, and to ensure that consultations, treatment, and other services provided to each woman are consistent with her reproductive life plan.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

The OLS concludes that the DOH may incur an indeterminate increase in expenditures to establish the “My Life, My Plan” program. These costs will include: 1) one-time expenses to develop online educational materials for women and families, as well as supporting materials for the professional community; and 2) recurring expenses to maintain and update these materials, as needed. It is possible that the department may be able to minimize these expenses by utilizing existing resources and staff, as well as by partnering with other entities to develop the program. The OLS notes that multiple examples of reproductive life planning programs exist nationwide, and the DOH may seek assistance from the implementing entities, as well as incorporate certain existing program elements, in fulfilling the provisions of the bill.

*Section:*        *Human Services*

*Analyst:*       *Sarah Schmidt*  
                     *Senior Research Analyst*

*Approved:*     *Frank W. Haines III*  
                     *Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[Second Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4938**

## **STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: JUNE 21, 2019

### **SUMMARY**

- Synopsis:** Requires DOH to establish "My Life, My Plan" program to support women of childbearing age in developing reproductive life plan.
- Type of Impact:** Annual State expenditure increase, General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Health; Department of Human Services.

#### **Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Annual</u></b>
<b>State Expenditure Increase</b>	Indeterminate

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- It is possible that the department may be able to minimize these expenses by utilizing existing resources and staff, as well as by partnering with other entities to develop the program. The OLS notes that multiple examples of reproductive life planning programs exist nationwide, and the DOH may seek assistance from the implementing entities, as well as incorporate certain existing program elements, in fulfilling the provisions of the bill.
- The Department of Human Services (DHS) may incur additional annual expenses to the extent that the program increases enrollment in the NJ FamilyCare Program and the New Jersey Child Care Subsidy Program.

### **BILL DESCRIPTION**

This bill requires the DOH to establish a "My Life, My Plan" program to promote and support reproductive life planning for all women of childbearing age and their families. Program

resources may include interactive online educational materials and tools to assist women with developing a reproductive life plan, including eligibility for and enrollment in the NJ FamilyCare Program and the New Jersey Child Care Subsidy Program. The DOH program is to include components targeting teenagers, and may additionally include reproductive life planning for all populations, including men and individuals who identify as undesignated or non-binary.

The department is to develop programs and resources to encourage health care providers, community health workers, and healthcare facilities to encourage and support women in the development of a reproductive life plan, to encourage the integration of reproductive life plans into patient medical records, and to ensure that consultations, treatment, and other services provided to each woman are consistent with her reproductive life plan.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

The OLS concludes that the DOH may incur an indeterminate increase in expenditures to establish the “My Life, My Plan” program. These costs will include: 1) one-time expenses to develop online educational materials for women and families, as well as supporting materials for the professional community; and 2) recurring expenses to maintain and update these materials, as needed. It is possible that the department may be able to minimize these expenses by utilizing existing resources and staff, as well as by partnering with other entities to develop the program. The OLS notes that multiple examples of reproductive life planning programs exist nationwide, and the DOH may seek assistance from the implementing entities, as well as incorporate certain existing program elements, in fulfilling the provisions of the bill.

Furthermore, the OLS concludes that the DHS may experience an indeterminate increase in costs to the extent that the program increases awareness of and enrollment in the NJ FamilyCare Program – the State Medicaid Program – and the New Jersey Child Care Subsidy Program. Any increase in Medicaid eligible expenses will be matched by federal Medicaid funds.

*Section: Human Services*  
*Analyst: Sarah Schmidt*  
*Senior Research Analyst*  
*Approved: Frank W. Haines III*  
*Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

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This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).



**SENATE, No. 3376**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**218th LEGISLATURE**

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INTRODUCED JANUARY 24, 2019

**Sponsored by:**  
**Senator M. TERESA RUIZ**  
**District 29 (Essex)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires DOH to establish “My Life, My Plan” program to support women of childbearing age in developing reproductive life plan.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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37 and couples be encouraged to have a reproductive life plan.

SENATE HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**SENATE, No. 3376**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 4, 2019

The Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 3376.

As amended by the committee, this bill requires the Commissioner of Health to establish a “My Life, My Plan” program in the Department of Health to promote and support reproductive life planning for all women of childbearing age and their families. Program resources are to include interactive online educational materials and tools to assist women with developing a reproductive life plan, including: specific action steps based on each woman’s values and reproductive goals; resources to promote good physical and mental health; resources concerning healthy relationships and domestic violence; resources concerning long-term family planning and contraception options; educational resources concerning the causes of, and treatments for, infertility; resources related to healthy environments and mitigating exposure to environmental risk factors; resources concerning financial health; resources related to child care; and resources specific to teenagers. Program resources may additionally include materials to assist men with reproductive life planning.

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The commissioner will be permitted to consult with or enter into partnerships with appropriate public and private entities for the purposes of developing and maintaining the “My Life, My Plan” program.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments provide that the “My Life, My Plan” program is to include educational resources concerning the causes of, and treatments for, infertility.

STATEMENT TO  
[First Reprint]  
**SENATE, No. 3376**

with Senate Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Senator RUIZ)

ADOPTED: MARCH 25, 2019

These floor amendments amend the bill with respect to what is required to be included in the program.

The amendments remove provisions of the bill concerning the requirements for program resources. The amendments require program tools to incorporate specific steps based on each woman's values and reproductive goals, and ask questions about various aspects of a woman's life that may impact her ability to plan for a healthy reproductive life, such as health behaviors, employment, prior pregnancies, issues with the criminal justice system, and access to transportation. The amendments provide that the program is to include components targeted for teenagers, and may additionally include reproductive life planning for men. The program is to include online resources that promote physical and mental health information.

STATEMENT TO  
[Second Reprint]  
**SENATE, No. 3376**

with Senate Floor Amendments  
(Proposed by Senator Ruiz)

ADOPTED: JUNE 10, 2019

These Senate floor amendments revise the bill to provide that certain elements of the My Life, My Plan program as set forth in the bill are permissive, rather than mandatory, and to remove certain specific elements.

These floor amendments revise the effective date from immediately upon enactment to 180 days after the date of enactment.

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[Third Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 3376**

## **STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: JUNE 24, 2019

### **SUMMARY**

- Synopsis:** Requires DOH to establish "My Life, My Plan" program to support women of childbearing age in developing reproductive life plan.
- Type of Impact:** Annual State expenditure increase, General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Health; Department of Human Services.

#### **Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Annual</u></b>
<b>State Expenditure Increase</b>	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concludes that the Department of Health (DOH) may incur an indeterminate increase in expenditures to establish the "My Life, My Plan" program. These costs will include: 1) one-time expenses to develop online educational materials for women and families, as well as supporting materials for the professional community; and 2) recurring expenses to maintain and update these materials, as needed.
- It is possible that the department may be able to minimize these expenses by utilizing existing resources and staff, as well as by partnering with other entities to develop the program. The OLS notes that multiple examples of reproductive life planning programs exist nationwide, and the DOH may seek assistance from the implementing entities, as well as incorporate certain existing program elements, in fulfilling the provisions of the bill.
- The Department of Human Services (DHS) may incur additional annual expenses to the extent that the program increases enrollment in the NJ FamilyCare Program and the New Jersey Child Care Subsidy Program.

### **BILL DESCRIPTION**

This bill requires the DOH to establish a "My Life, My Plan" program to promote and support reproductive life planning for all women of childbearing age and their families. Program

resources may include interactive online educational materials and tools to assist women with developing a reproductive life plan, including eligibility for and enrollment in the NJ FamilyCare Program and the New Jersey Child Care Subsidy Program. The DOH program is to include components targeting teenagers, and may additionally include reproductive life planning for all populations, including men and individuals who identify as undesignated or non-binary.

The department is to develop programs and resources to encourage health care providers, community health workers, and healthcare facilities to encourage and support women in the development of a reproductive life plan, to encourage the integration of reproductive life plans into patient medical records, and to ensure that consultations, treatment, and other services provided to each woman are consistent with her reproductive life plan.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

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Furthermore, the OLS concludes that the DHS may experience an indeterminate increase in costs to the extent that the program increases awareness of and enrollment in the NJ FamilyCare Program – the State Medicaid Program – and the New Jersey Child Care Subsidy Program. Any increase in Medicaid eligible expenses will be matched by federal Medicaid funds.

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This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).



# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[Second Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 3376**

## **STATE OF NEW JERSEY 218th LEGISLATURE**

DATED: MAY 31, 2019

### **SUMMARY**

- Synopsis:** Requires DOH to establish "My Life, My Plan" program to support women of childbearing age in developing reproductive life plan.
- Type of Impact:** Annual State expenditure increase, General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Department of Health; Department of Human Services.

#### **Office of Legislative Services Estimate**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Annual</u></b>
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## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

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# Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

08/9/2019

**TRENTON** - Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills into law:

**A312 (Pinkin, Conaway, Giblin, Holley, Danielsen, Mukherji, Wimberly/Vitale, Rice)** - Requires certain health care facilities to provide information concerning palliative care and hospice care services.

**A841 (Land, Calabrese/Andrzejczak)** - Provides for establishment of county college certificate programs to meet needs of certain regional employers.

**A1700 (Dancer, Vainieri Huttie, Calabrese/Cruz-Perez, Cunningham)** - Expands eligibility criteria for designating certain areas as being in need of redevelopment.

**A2004 (Karabinchak, Mazzeo, Pinkin, Coughlin/Diegnan)** - Requires municipality to pay certain nonresidential property tax appeal refunds in equal installments over period of three years.

**A3937 (DeAngelo, Reynolds-Jackson, Verrelli/Turner)** - Allows local government water system employees to reside in all municipalities served by water system.

**A4115 (Benson, DeAngelo, Holley/Greenstein)** - Clarifies that certain students are eligible for NJ STARS and NJ STARS II scholarship upon initial enrollment at institution of higher education on part-time basis.

**A4223 (Johnson, Rooney/Weinberg, Lagana)** - Requires State Treasurer to pay county prosecutor's expenses for overseeing certain law enforcement agencies.

**A4938 (Tucker, Pinkin, Vainieri Huttie/Ruiz, Greenstein)** - Requires DOH to establish "My Life, My Plan" program to support women of childbearing age in developing reproductive life plan.

**A5021 (Quijano, Bramnick, Reynolds-Jackson, Pinkin, Downey/Vitale, Kean)** - Requires Medicaid coverage for group prenatal care services under certain circumstances.

**A5322 (Burzichelli, Milam, Houghtaling, Taliaferro/Sweeney, Oroho, Beach, Andrzejczak)** - Establishes program for cultivation, handling, processing, transport, and sale of hemp; repeals New Jersey Industrial Hemp Pilot Program.

**A5392 (Quijano, Murphy/Vitale, Scutari)** - Establishes new liability standards in sexual abuse lawsuits filed against public entities and public employees.

**A5595 (Milam, Houghtaling, Dancer, Wirths/Oroho, Pennacchio)** - Expands eligibility for EDA small business loan program to specifically include certain farming operations and qualified dairy farmers.

**S601 (Smith, Greenstein/Pinkin, McKeon)** - Establishes "New Jersey Solar Panel Recycling Commission."

**S781 (Sarlo, O'Scanlon/Giblin, DiMaso, Handlin)** - Revises penalties for certain violations of law by public movers and warehousemen.

**S984 (Vitale, Singleton/Conaway, Mukherji, Murphy)** - Establishes certain requirements, including allowable fees, for provision of medical records to patients, legally authorized representatives, and authorized third parties.

**S1109 (Ruiz/Munoz, Quijano)** - Renames "Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment Act" as "Practitioner Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment Act"; permits physician assistants to sign and modify POLST forms; requires continuing education concerning end-of-life care.

**S1739 (Oroho, Andrzejczak/Land, Space, Milam)** - Renames county corrections officers as county correctional police officers.

**S2807 (Cryan, Cruz-Perez/Pinkin, Moriarty, Zwicker)** - Concerns service of food or refreshments on mortuary premises.

**S2858 (Gopal, Diegnan/Houghtaling, Downey, Johnson)** - Prohibits issuance of certain badges to NJT board members, PANYNJ commissioners, and local and State elected officials.

**S3212 (Ruiz, Rice/Pintor Marin, Holley)** - Permits municipalities to establish temporary supplemental zoning boards of adjustment to address application backlogs.

**S3334 (Diegnan, Vitale/Conaway, Pinkin)** - Exempts certain surgical technologists from general educational and training requirements.