Bill Would Establish Pilot Program to Improve Black Maternal Health in New Jersey



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Assembly Bill 5634, introduced on June 20, 2023 to the New Jersey General Assembly and referred to the Assembly Health Committee, would require the Department of Health to establish a three-year Obstetric Discrimination Prevention and Mitigation Pilot Program in which maternity care hospitals and licensed birthing centers would utilize and evaluate the effectiveness of a perinatal quality improvement measurement tool in (1) recognizing and reporting obstetric discrimination; (2) evaluating the presence and magnitude of obstetric discrimination and its impact on the birthing experiences of Black mothers; and (3) improving maternal health care provided to Black mothers during childbirth hospitalizations and reducing adverse pregnancy-related experiences and outcomes.

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