

FISCAL NOTE

May 11, 2022

Bill No:	SB 200	Printer's No:	1276	Sponsor:	Sen. Bartolotta (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2021-22	2022-23
General Fund	See Below	See Below

SUMMARY: This bill amends the Early Intervention Services System Act to add post-partum depression to the list of risk factors that are utilized to identify a child as “at-risk” for the need of early intervention services. The legislation also makes technical amendments to the Early Intervention Services Act of 1990.

ANALYSIS: The bill provides that post-partum depression (PPD) is added to the list of risk factors that are utilized to identify a child as “at-risk” for the need of early intervention services. The bill seeks to ensure that infants born to mothers affected by PPD are identified, assessed and tracked, giving them access to services that are currently in place in their community that provide support and referrals necessary for healthy development.

FISCAL IMPACT: DHS estimates that this bill would add approximately 925 children into tracking per year. For each referral, the child has service coordination during the process of referral, evaluation and then the ongoing tracking. In addition, there will be the cost of an evaluation. All of these costs come to \$1,780 per child per year. The costs to the state would be \$1.158 million. PA would receive some funding in federal match dollars.