



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
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**AMENDED**

FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1011

maternal mental health; advisory committee.

Purpose

Establishes the Maternal Mental Health Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) to recommend improvements for screening and treating mental health disorders and prescribes Advisory Committee membership.

Background

Established in 1987, the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) is a joint-surveillance project of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state health departments that collects state-specific, population-based data on maternal attitudes and experiences before, during and after pregnancy. Every month, PRAMS surveys a sample of women who have had a recent live birth and links survey responses to medical information collected to produce statewide estimates of maternal health indicators ([CDC](#)).

PRAMS, in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS), began collecting Arizona-specific data in 2017 ([DHS](#)). According to the CDC, data collected by PRAMS indicates that about one in nine women experience symptoms of postpartum depression nationally ([CDC](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Establishes the Advisory Committee to recommend improvements for screening and treating maternal mental health disorders.
2. Requires the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) Director, or their designee, to serve as the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee and to appoint:
  - a) a contractor representative from each AHCCCS designated geographic service area;
  - b) a representative of the Indian Health Service;
  - c) a representative of an organization that provides direct peer support to families and training to professionals concerning perinatal mood and anxiety disorders;
  - d) a representative of a local organization that specializes in diagnosing and treating perinatal mood and anxiety disorders using evidence-based and trauma-sensitive therapies;
  - e) two licensed obstetricians, one of whom that is a maternal fetal medicine specialist;
  - f) two licensed pediatricians, one of whom that is a neonatologist;
  - g) a licensed psychiatrist;
  - h) a licensed neonatal nurse;

- i) a certified nurse midwife;
  - j) a licensed and certified mental health registered nurse practitioner;
  - k) a hospital social worker that works with obstetric patients;
  - l) an Arizona law enforcement agency representative;
  - m) an Arizona correctional facility representative;
  - n) two representatives of nonprofit organizations that provide education, services or research related to maternal mental health;
  - o) two representatives from organizations that represent Arizona hospitals;
  - p) a representative from the DHS Maternal Health Program; and
  - q) a representative of a health care insurer.
3. Requires the Advisory Committee, by December 31, 2022, to submit a report with recommendations for the improvement of screening and treating maternal mental health disorders to the Chairpersons of the Health and Human Services Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate, or their successor committees.
  4. Requires the Advisory Committee to provide a copy of the report to the Secretary of State.
  5. Repeals the Advisory Committee on July 1, 2023.
  6. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Amendments Adopted by Committee of the Whole

- Adds a representative from the DHS Maternal Health Program and a representative of a health care insurer to the Advisory Committee.

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