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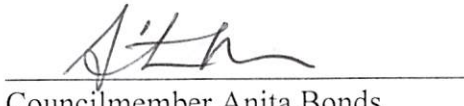
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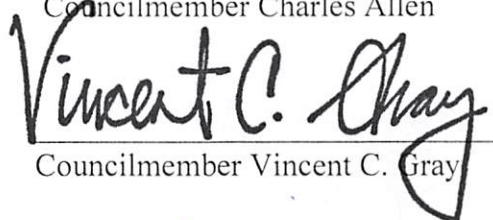

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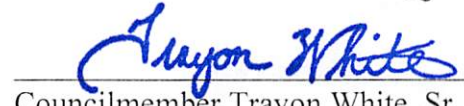

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34 IN THE COUNCIL OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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38 To require the Department of Health to disburse grant funds to promote a perinatal health worker
39 training program for residents in Wards 5, 7, and 8 in the health field.
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41 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
42 act may be cited as the "Perinatal Health Worker Training Access Act of 2019".
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44 Sec. 2. Definitions.

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For the purposes of this act, the term:

(1) “Community health worker” means a member of the community who shares ethnicity, language, and life experiences with the population the individual is serving and provides nonclinical support in the form of education, guidance, advocacy, and certain direct services to community members as they navigate the local health care system

(2) “Culturally congruent care” means care that considers and is in agreement with the preferred cultural values, beliefs, worldview, and practices of the individual receiving care.

(3) “Perinatal” means the period before, during, and after delivery through the postnatal period.

Sec. 3. Perinatal health worker training program.

(a) Within 120 days of the effective date of this act, the Department of Health shall disburse grant funds annually to an entity to implement a perinatal health worker training program that trains individuals in Wards 5, 7, and 8 to provide culturally congruent nonclinical care to individuals during their perinatal period. The program shall provide:

(1) Didactic training regarding:

(A) Reproductive health, including the physical, mental, and social well-being related to the functioning of the reproductive system;

(B) Pregnancy, labor, and postpartum assistance;

(C) Child birth, including complications and risk factors;

(D) Lactation, including basic breastfeeding information and how to support breastfeeding;

(E) Fetal and newborn physical and cognitive development;

68 (F) Maternal and newborn nutrition;
69 (G) Perinatal mood disorders and assessment tools;
70 (J) Fertility, family planning, and contraception options;
71 (K) History of women of color's reproductive health;
72 (M) Cultural competency;
73 (N) Health equity and reproductive justice;
74 (O) Communication skills, including how to give and receive written and
75 verbal instructions, communicate clearly and effectively, and interpret and explain information to
76 others;
77 (P) Charting and documentation;
78 (Q) Data tracking and collection; and
79 (R) Principles of adult learning and how adults learn new information and
80 skills.

81 (2) Opportunities to shadow experienced maternal health professionals and attend
82 live births.

83 (b)(1) The selected entity shall be an established organization with experience providing
84 nonclinical perinatal support services to guide individuals through pregnancy, delivery, and the
85 postpartum period that helps the individual make informed decisions about their medical care,
86 parenting choices, and overall health.

87 (2) The selected entity shall recruit a majority of candidates for trainings from
88 Wards 5, 7, and 8 to provide health and human services career pathways for individuals.

89 (3) The entity shall use a community health worker model and train individuals
90 who are members of the community and neighborhoods they will serve.

(c) The grant shall include funds designated for training materials, space, financial aid and scholarships for participants, communications, outreach, instructors, and facilitators.

Sec. 4. Rules.

The Mayor, pursuant to Title I of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 et seq.), shall issue rules to implement the provisions of this act.

Sec. 5. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

Sec. 6. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in sections 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.