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| Bill No.: | SB538 |
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| Author: | Rep. McEntire |
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| Impact: | See below |

Research Analysis

SB538 amends parts of the Choosing Childbirth Act. The measure amends the definition of *grant-supervising entity* to specify it means a private entity which approves all grants made under the Choosing Childbirth Act that not directly made to private organization by the State Department of Health for reimbursement of services. The State Department of Health will make grants from funds appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose of reimbursing private organizations for listed services. The Department must make grants either, directly to the private organizations, on one or more grant supervising entities, or both directly to the private organization and to one or more grant supervising entities. The measure adds obstetric ultrasounds, mental health and substance abuse services, and transportation assistance to the list of reimbursable services. The measure also provides that reimbursable services include providing services up to three years postpartum for the purpose of reducing the infant and maternal mortality rates in the state by 3% not later than July 1, 2026. To be eligible for a service grant, an organization must have the grant approved by the grant-supervising entity or by the Department. The State Department of Health will annually monitor and review any grant-supervising entity or private organization receiving a grant from the Department. The Department will cease funding if the grant-supervising entity or private organization fails to adhere to such purposes and requirements.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 538 amends the "Choosing Childbirth Act" and the State Department of Health. The State Health Department shall make grants directly to private organizations, to one or more grant-supervising entities or both directly to private organizations and one more grand-supervising entities who shall reimburse to private organizations.

Reimbursable services now include obstetric ultrasounds, mental health and substance abuse services, and transportation assistance and postpartum up to 3 years for the mother and infant.

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Other Considerations

None.

