Bill Summary

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Bill Analysis

SB 538 provides that grants awarded under the provisions of the Choosing Childbirth Act shall be awarded directly to private organizations. Private organizations shall also be subject to monitoring and reviewing processes by the State Department of Health. The measure also specifies that the intent of such grants shall be to reimburse private organizations for the reasonable expenses of programs providing services listed in the Act. The measure expands the services outlined in the Act to include obstetric ultrasounds, mental health and substance abuse services, and transportation assistance. The measure provides that reimbursable services shall include providing up to 3 years of services to mothers after birth.

House Amendments

HA's to SB 538 removes language from the engrossed measure authorizing grants to be awarded to grant supervising entities.

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