

FISCAL NOTE

June 7, 2017

Bill No:	SB 200	Printer's No:	254	Sponsor:	Bartolotta (R)
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COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2017-18	2018-19
General Fund	\$ 324,000	\$ 576,000

SUMMARY: The bill would add children whose parent has postpartum depression to the list of at risk individuals in need of early intervention services.

ANALYSIS: The bill would add children who have a parent who is either considered high risk of or diagnosed with postpartum depression as at risk individuals who may need early intervention (EI) services.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) currently identifies, tracks, and assesses children listed as at risk. The bill would add this category to the list of individuals DHS would be required to monitor.

Additionally, the bill makes several technical changes by changing reference to the Department of Public Welfare to the Department of Human Services and reference to mental retardation to intellectual disability.

FISCAL IMPACT: The cost for FY 2017-18 would be \$540,000 to add the new individuals to the atrisk list and to service them. Since early intervention services may be covered by Medical Assistance (MA) benefits, the state share cost for those services would be \$324,000. If the services for new children are successful and children from the first year are still in the program additional funds needed could be \$960,000. The state share could be \$576,000. For all subsequent years, the cost could be \$1.4 million with the state share estimated at \$840,000.

Cost	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
Total Cost	\$ 540,000	\$ 960,000
State Share MA Payments for El Services	\$ 324,000	\$ 576,000