151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL:	**HOUSE BILL NO. 234**
SPONSOR:	**Representative Minor-Brown**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 31 RELATED TO EXTENSION OF MEDICAID COVERAGE THROUGH THE FIRST YEAR POSTPARTUM.**

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.

2. This Act requires the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA) to take the necessary action to expand Medicaid coverage to pregnant women for health care services at least 12 months postpartum.

3. Currently, during the federally designated Public Health Emergency (PHE), pregnant women receiving Medicaid benefits have continued to receive comprehensive medical care and other health care services beyond 60 days until 12 months following the end of the pregnancy. This Act would operate as a safeguard to ensure continued services in the event the PHE is terminated and until the State Plan Amendment for services is approved and implemented.

4. At such a time as the PHE is terminated, DMMA reports a cost of $1,200,000 per quarter, fully state-funded, to support the comprehensive medical services for postpartum women up to 12 months.

5. Effective April 1, 2022, DMMA expects the State Plan Amendment for the expanded Medicaid coverage to be implemented. At such a time, costs will be shared with a federal match determined by the Federal Medical Assistance Program (FMAP) rates. DMMA anticipates an annual cost of $4,800,000, with a state share of $1,920,000. These costs are based on Calendar Year 2018 data and assume 1,400 women will be impacted.

6. Fiscal Year 2022 costs associated with this Act will vary, contingent upon when the PHE is terminated. In the event the PHE is terminated on June 30, 2021, the full state share cost would total $4,080,000. These costs include $1,200,000 per quarter for the period of July 2021 through March 2022, and $480,000 for the period of April 2022 through June 2022, once the State Plan Amendment takes effect.

Cost:

	State Share
Fiscal Year 2022:	Maximum of $4,080,000
Fiscal Year 2023:	$1,920,000
Fiscal Year 2024:	$1,920,000

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