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Summary SB 1269 PN 1836

This bill amends the Early Intervention Services System Act by adding children of a parent who is at risk of or with a diagnosis of postpartum depression to the category of at-risk children. This would enable those children who are referred by a physician, health care provider or parent to receive Early Intervention Services.

Postpartum depression is defined as a major depressive episode beginning in pregnancy or within one year of birth.

Senate Bill 1269 also makes technical changes to reflect the name change of the Department of Public Welfare to the Department of Human Services.

Effective Date

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

Amendment A09703

Makes further technical changes to align current terminology with the existing act and deletes language indicating referrals can be made directly to the Department of Human Services.