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S 1256 General Bill, By M.T. Rose

A Bill to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Chapter 54 to Title 44 so as to enact the "Assessment of and Intervention in the Perinatal Effects of Alcohol, Controlled Substances, and Cigarettes Act" so as to require that physicians provide counseling to pregnant women on these effects; to require the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and the South Carolina Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse to provide educational programs and materials to physicians providing obstetrical and gynecological care; to direct the Department of Health and Environmental Control, the South Carolina Department of Mental Health, and the State Department of Social Services to establish multidisciplinary teams to advise physicians on these issues; to provide optional reporting to the Department of Health and Environmental Control of families with children exposed to drugs or alcohol; to allow the Department of Social Services to provide prevention services; to require reporting of high risk pregnancies to the Department of Health and Environmental Control and require the Department to conduct drug prevalence tests to determine the trends in pregnancy substance abuse; and to amend Section 59-32-20, relating to comprehensive health education instructional units for school districts, so as to require school districts to include the effects of perinatal substance abuse in their drug and alcohol education programs.

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