

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5169**

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 9137.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 9137. (1) Beginning January 1, 2026, all of the following**
2 **apply:**

3 **(a) A health professional shall offer the mental health**
4 **screening described in subsection (2) to an individual who has**
5 **given birth at a follow-up appointment or well child visit during**
6 **the individual's postpartum period if the health professional is**
7 **seeing the individual in a pediatric or obstetric and gynecological**
8 **setting and the health professional determines at the follow-up**
9 **appointment or well child visit that a mental health screening is**



1 appropriate for the individual.

2 (b) A health professional other than a health professional
3 described in subdivision (a) may offer the mental health screening
4 described in subsection (2) to an individual who has given birth at
5 a follow-up appointment or well child visit during the individual's
6 postpartum period or until the child reaches the age of 12 months.

7 (2) The department may develop a tool to be used by health
8 professionals offering a mental health screening under subsection
9 (1). A health professional may also conduct the mental health
10 screening by using an evidenced-based screening tool to assess an
11 individual's maternal mental health or other postpartum risk
12 factors.

13 (3) If a health professional determines that an individual who
14 has given birth may be in need of mental health resources in
15 addition to a mental health screening under subsection (1), the
16 health professional may provide the individual with any of the
17 following mental health resources:

18 (a) Mental health resources that are developed by the
19 department.

20 (b) Information on postpartum mental health conditions and
21 their symptoms.

22 (c) Treatment options for postpartum mental health conditions.

23 (d) Referrals considered appropriate by the health
24 professional for the individual.

25 (e) If the health professional determines that the individual
26 may be in need of additional support or services, any other
27 information considered appropriate by the health professional to
28 support the individual.

29 (4) As used in this section, "health professional" means an



1 individual who is licensed, registered, or otherwise authorized to
2 engage in a health profession under article 15.