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# SENATE BILL 105: 2021 Appropriations Act, Sec. 9G.1: Local Health Departments/Competitive Grant Process to Improve Maternal and Child Health

**Committee:**  
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**Analysis of:** Sec. 9G.1 of S.L. 2021-180

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**OVERVIEW:** Section 9G.1 of S.L. 2021-180 directs the Division of Public Health (DPH), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), to use funds to continue administering a competitive grant process for local health departments based on maternal and infant health indicators and the county's detailed proposal to invest in evidence-based programs to achieve the following goals: (i) improving the State's birth outcomes; (ii) improving the overall health status of children age five and younger; and (iii) lowering the State's infant mortality rate. The grant process must include (i) a request for application process to allow local health departments to apply for and receive the grants on a competitive basis, (ii) a prioritization of applications that are able to leverage non-State funds, (iii) a provision that grant funds do not supplant other existing sources of funds, and (iv) a provision allowing the grants to be awarded every two years.

The Secretary of DHHS must submit a report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services on the identity of each grantee, the amount awarded to each grantee, and the number of individuals served by each grantee.

No later than February 1 of each year, the grantees must provide DPH with a written report about all the activities funded by State appropriations.

This section became effective July 1, 2021.

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