**[STATUTE AMENDED] STATE FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS (FASD) PROGRAM**

**SECTION 1. GENERAL.** There is established a comprehensive Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (referred to in this section as ‘FASD’) awareness, prevention, identification, intervention, and service delivery program (“program”) in the State of [NAME OF STATE ] which may include, but is not limited to, such activities such as:

(a) Designating a FASD state coordinator with knowledge and experience in the field of prenatal alcohol exposure and FASD;

(b) Utilizing and adapting existing Federal or State programs to include FASD identification and FASD-informed support;

(c) Developing and expanding screening and diagnostic capacity for FASD;

(d) Developing, implementing, and evaluating targeted FASD-informed intervention programs for FASD;

(e) Increasing awareness of FASD;

(f) Providing training with respect to FASD for professionals across relevant sectors; and,

(g) Serving as a centralized resource for issues related to FASD and disseminating information about FASD and support services to affected individuals and their families.

**SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS**. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (“FASD”) are a range of effects that can occur in an individual who has been prenatally exposed to alcohol. Prenatal alcohol exposure (“PAE”) is the leading cause of preventable developmental disabilities, including over 400 co-occurring possible disease conditions, impacting the brain, vision, hearing, heart, circulation, digestion, and musculoskeletal and respiratory systems. FASD includes diagnoses such as Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS), partial Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (pFAS), Alcohol-Related Neurodevelopmental Disorder (ARND), Static Encephalopathy – Alcohol Exposed (SE-AE), Neurobehavioral Disorders Associated with Prenatal Alcohol Exposure (ND-PAE), and alcohol-related birth defects (ARBD).

**SECTION 3. LEAD AGENCY.** The governor shall designate [LEAD STATE AGENCY] as the sole agency responsible for the administration of the program established under Section 1.

**SECTION 4. FASD STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**.

(a) *Purpose.* A FASD State Advisory Committee (“committee”) is established to provide guidance for the FASD State Program to prevent FASD and provide for the identification, treatment, and support of individuals with FASD and their families. Activities of the committee may, but is not limited, to include:

(1) developing a statewide strategic plan to substantially reduce prenatal alcohol exposure and provide for the identification, treatment, and support of individuals with FASD and their families;

(2) providing guidance on the implementation of such plan by reviewing and commenting on grant proposals addressing prenatal alcohol and substance exposure and FASD-informed supports and interventions;

(3) identifying existing Federal or State agency programs related to prenatal alcohol and substance exposure and FASD and making recommendations for the utilization and adaption of such programs to include prenatal alcohol screening and FASD-informed supports and interventions.

(4) reviewing programs of state agencies that relate to prenatal alcohol or substance exposure and FASD, and coordinating such programs that are interdepartmental in nature pursuant to an interagency agreement, whenever feasible;

(b) *Composition.* The FASD Advisory Committee shall consist of:

(1) state agency commissioners, or their senior level designee, of health, human services, corrections, public safety, employment and economic development, and education [ADD OTHER RELEVANT AGENCIES AS NEEDED]; and,

(2) no more than [NUMBER] members from the public, representing health, education and justice professionals, service providers, tribal populations [ADD OTHERS AS NEEDED], and at least [NUMBER] individuals with FASD or their families.  appointed by the governor [OR

OTHERS AS NEEDED OR DISIRED].

(c) Terms, compensation, removal, and filling of vacancies of appointed members are governed by [GOVERNING AUTHORITY]. The committee shall elect a chair from its membership to serve a one-year term.

(d) *Administrative support*. The commissioner of [LEAD STATE AGENCY] shall designate a FASD State Coordinator to provide administrative support for the committee. Administrative support may include personnel, budget, payroll, and contract administration. The committee shall adopt an annual budget and work program.

(e) *Reports.* The committee shall report from time to time on its activities to the governor, the chairs of the appropriate policy committees of the house of representatives and senate, and the [LEAD STATE AGENCY]. The committee shall file a formal report with the governor not later than October 15 of each even- numbered year so that the information contained in the report, including recommendations, can be included in the governor's budget message to the legislature. It shall also report to the chairs of the appropriate policy committees of the house of representatives and senate not later than November 15 of each even-numbered year.

**SECTION 5. FEDERAL FUNDS; CONTRACTS.**The [LEAD STATE AGENCY] may apply for, receive, and disburse federal funds made available to the state by federal law or rules adopted for any purpose related to the powers and duties of the [LEAD STATE AGENCY]. The [LEAD STATE AGENCY] shall comply with any requirements of federal law, rules, and regulations to apply for, receive, and disburse funds. The [LEAD STATE AGENCY] may contract with or provide grants to public and private nonprofit entities for FASD programs set forth in Section 1.

**SECTION 6. APPROPRIATIONS**. [AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATION ] is appropriated in Fiscal Year [FISCAL YEAR ] from the General Fund [SOURCE OF FUNDS] to the Commissioner of [LEAD STATE AGENCY] for the state FASD program and to administer sections 1 to 6.