

March 3, 2009

S 374. FUNDS/PREVENT NEURAL TUBE BIRTH DEFECTS. Filed 3/3/09. *TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO FURTHER PREVENT OR REDUCE NEURAL TUBE BIRTH DEFECTS BY CREATING A STATEWIDE VITAMIN DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM.*

Appropriates \$480,000 for 2009-10 and \$480,000 for 2010-11 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, to purchase multivitamins with folic acid that have been proven to reduce and prevent neural tube birth defects. Requires that the vitamins be distributed to low-income women of childbearing age through a statewide distribution program that operates through local health departments and other safety net providers. Effective July 1, 2009.

Intro. by Purcell.

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