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H.B. No. 2873

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a strategic plan for improving maternal health,
3 including the consolidation and repeal of certain planning and
4 reporting requirements.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 531.0223 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 531.0223. MATERNAL HEALTH STRATEGIC PLAN. (a) The
9 commission shall develop and implement a strategic plan for
10 improving maternal health outcomes under programs administered by
11 this state that provide services to women during and following a
12 pregnancy. The strategic plan must include strategies for:

13 (1) improving access to screening, referral,
14 treatment, and support services for perinatal depression,
15 hyperemesis gravidarum, and other major pregnancy-related health
16 complications;

17 (2) improving the quality of maternal health care
18 provided under Medicaid, the child health plan perinatal program,
19 other health care programs administered by this state, and state
20 health plans; and

21 (3) reducing pregnancy-related deaths, focusing on
22 the most prevalent causes of those deaths.

23 (b) In developing the strategic plan, the commission shall
24 consult with the Department of State Health Services, the statewide

1 health coordinating council, and other maternal health experts as
2 the commission determines necessary.

3 (c) Not later than December 31 of each even-numbered year,
4 the commission shall provide the strategic plan developed under
5 this section to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker
6 of the house of representatives, the Senate Health and Human
7 Services Committee, the House Public Health Committee, and the
8 House Human Services Committee.

9 SECTION 2. Section 34.0155, Health and Safety Code, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Sec. 34.0155. OPTIONS AND STRATEGIES FOR REDUCING [~~REPORT~~
12 ~~ON~~] PREGNANCY-RELATED DEATHS, SEVERE MATERNAL MORBIDITY, AND
13 POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION. The commission shall:

14 (1) evaluate options for reducing pregnancy-related
15 deaths, focusing on the most prevalent causes of pregnancy-related
16 deaths as identified in the joint biennial report required under
17 Section 34.015, and for treating postpartum depression in
18 economically disadvantaged women; and

19 (2) in coordination with the department and the review
20 committee, identify strategies to:

21 (A) lower costs of providing medical assistance
22 under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, related to severe maternal
23 morbidity and chronic illness; and

24 (B) improve quality outcomes related to the
25 underlying causes of severe maternal morbidity and chronic
26 illness[~~, and~~

27 [~~(3) not later than December 1 of each even-numbered~~

1 ~~year, submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker~~
2 ~~of the house of representatives, the Legislative Budget Board, and~~
3 ~~the appropriate standing committees of the legislature a written~~
4 ~~report that includes:~~

5 ~~[(A) a summary of the commission's and~~
6 ~~department's efforts to accomplish the tasks described by~~
7 ~~Subdivisions (1) and (2); and~~

8 ~~[(B) a summary of the report required by Section~~
9 ~~34.0156].~~

10 SECTION 3. The following provisions of the Health and
11 Safety Code are repealed:

- 12 (1) Section 32.046;
13 (2) Section 32.047;
14 (3) Sections 32.155(d) and (e);
15 (4) Section 34.0158; and
16 (5) Section 34.020(f).

17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.