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H.B. No. 731

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to certain duties of the Texas Maternal Mortality and
3 Morbidity Review Committee.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 34.005, Health and Safety Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 34.005. DUTIES OF REVIEW COMMITTEE. The review
8 committee shall:

9 (1) study and review:

10 (A) cases of pregnancy-related deaths;

11 (B) trends, rates, or disparities in
12 pregnancy-related deaths and severe maternal morbidity;

13 (C) health conditions and factors that
14 disproportionately affect the most at-risk population as
15 determined in the joint biennial report required under Section
16 34.015; and

17 (D) best practices and programs operating in
18 other states that have reduced rates of pregnancy-related deaths;

19 (2) compare rates of pregnancy-related deaths based on
20 the socioeconomic status of the mother;

21 (3) determine the feasibility of the review committee
22 studying cases of severe maternal morbidity; ~~and~~

23 (4) in consultation with the Perinatal Advisory
24 Council, make recommendations to help reduce the incidence of

1 pregnancy-related deaths and severe maternal morbidity in this
2 state; and

3 (5) participate in and use the Maternal Mortality
4 Review Information Application (MMRIA) data system administered by
5 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to facilitate the
6 review committee's functions and duties under this chapter,
7 including the processing and analysis of health care data related
8 to cases of maternal mortality and morbidity in this state.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.