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H.B. No. 11

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 11:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to pregnancy-related deaths and maternal morbidity,  
3 including postpartum depression.

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

5 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the Texas Moms Matter  
6 Act.

7 SECTION 2. Section 34.005, Health and Safety Code, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Sec. 34.005. DUTIES OF TASK FORCE. The task force shall:

- 10 (1) study, ~~and~~ review, and collect data on:  
11 (A) cases of pregnancy-related deaths; ~~and~~  
12 (B) trends, rates, health conditions and  
13 factors, and disparities in pregnancy-related deaths and severe  
14 maternal morbidity;  
15 (C) the most prevalent health conditions and  
16 factors that caused death in African American women as identified  
17 in the task force's biennial report required under Section 34.015;  
18 and  
19 (D) best practices and programs operating in  
20 other states that have reduced rates of pregnancy-related deaths;  
21 (2) compare rates of pregnancy-related deaths based on  
22 the socioeconomic status of the mother;  
23 (3) determine the feasibility of the task force  
24 studying cases of severe maternal morbidity; and

1           (4) [~~3~~] make recommendations to help reduce the  
2 incidence of pregnancy-related deaths and severe maternal  
3 morbidity in this state.

4           SECTION 3. Sections 34.007(a) and (b), Health and Safety  
5 Code, are amended to read as follows:

6           (a) The department shall determine a statistically  
7 significant number of cases of pregnancy-related deaths for review.  
8 The department shall either randomly select cases or select all  
9 cases for the task force to review under this subsection to reflect  
10 a cross-section of pregnancy-related deaths in this state.

11           (b) The department shall statistically analyze aggregate  
12 data of pregnancy-related deaths and severe maternal morbidity in  
13 this state to identify any trends, rates, or disparities.

14           SECTION 4. Section 34.015(b), Health and Safety Code, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16           (b) The report must include the task force's  
17 recommendations under Section 34.005(4) [~~34.005(3)~~].

18           SECTION 5. Chapter 34, Health and Safety Code, is amended by  
19 adding Section 34.0155 to read as follows:

20           Sec. 34.0155. REPORT ON PREGNANCY-RELATED DEATHS AND  
21 POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION. The commission shall:

22                   (1) evaluate options for reducing pregnancy-related  
23 deaths, focusing on the most prevalent causes of pregnancy-related  
24 deaths as identified in the task force's biennial report required  
25 under Section 34.015, and for treating postpartum depression in  
26 economically disadvantaged women; and

27                   (2) submit a written report summarizing the

1 commission's and department's efforts to accomplish the tasks  
2 described by Subdivision (1) to the governor, the lieutenant  
3 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the  
4 Legislative Budget Board, and the appropriate standing committees  
5 of the legislature not later than December 1 of each even-numbered  
6 year.

7 SECTION 6. Section 34.018, Health and Safety Code, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Sec. 34.018. SUNSET PROVISION. The task force is subject to  
10 Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued  
11 in existence as provided by that chapter, the task force is  
12 abolished and this chapter expires September 1, 2023 [~~2019~~].

13 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the  
18 legislative session.