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H.B. No. 11

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) health conditions and factors that caused
16 death in the most at-risk population as determined in the Maternal
17 Mortality and Morbidity Task Force and Department of State Health
18 Services Joint Biennial Report (July 2016); 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. Chapter 34, Health and Safety Code, is amended by
15 adding Section 34.0155 to read as follows:

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

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

23 (2) submit a written report summarizing the
24 commission's and department's efforts to accomplish the tasks
25 described by Subdivision (1) to the governor, the lieutenant
26 governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the
27 Legislative Budget Board, and the appropriate standing committees

1 of the legislature not later than December 1 of each even-numbered
2 year.

3 SECTION 5. Section 34.018, Health and Safety Code, is
4 amended to read as follows:

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

9 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
14 legislative session.