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H.B. No. 28

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the membership of the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity  
3 Task Force.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 34.002(b), Health and Safety Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) The task force is a multidisciplinary advisory  
8 committee within the department and is composed of the following 16  
9 [~~15~~] members:

10 (1) 14 [~~13~~] members appointed by the commissioner as  
11 follows:

12 (A) four physicians specializing in obstetrics,  
13 at least one of whom is a maternal fetal medicine specialist;

14 (B) one certified nurse-midwife;

15 (C) one registered nurse;

16 (D) one nurse specializing in labor and delivery;

17 (E) one physician specializing in family  
18 practice;

19 (F) [~~(E)~~] one physician specializing in  
20 psychiatry;

21 (G) [~~(F)~~] one physician specializing in  
22 pathology;

23 (H) [~~(G)~~] one epidemiologist, biostatistician,  
24 or researcher of pregnancy-related deaths;

1                    (I) [~~(H)~~] one social worker or social service  
2 provider;

3                    (J) [~~(I)~~] one community advocate in a relevant  
4 field; and

5                    (K) [~~(J)~~] one medical examiner or coroner  
6 responsible for recording deaths;

7                    (2) a representative of the department's family and  
8 community health programs; and

9                    (3) the state epidemiologist for the department or the  
10 epidemiologist's designee.

11                    SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
12 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
13 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
14 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
15 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the  
16 legislative session.