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S.B. No. 59

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to pregnancy-related deaths and maternal morbidity and the creation of a maternal health care quality improvement program.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 34, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 34.0155 to read as follows:

Sec. 34.0155. MATERNAL HEALTH CARE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. (a) The commission, department, and task force shall implement a program to distribute maternal safety informational materials to health care providers in this state to improve the health care response for leading causes of preventable death among pregnant and postpartum women.

(b) The commission, department, and task force shall develop maternal safety informational materials that include tools and procedures based on best practices for common medical issues in maternal health. The informational materials must include for each maternal health issue:

(1) care guidelines accessible in multiple formats, including paper and electronic;

(2) a guide for implementing best practices in care provided by hospitals; and

(3) a slide set for professional education focused on maternal health care.

(c) Not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year,

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

5           (1) a summary of the program's implementation and  
6 outcomes; and

7           (2) a summary on the feasibility of adding a provider's  
8 use of procedures included in the maternal safety informational  
9 materials as an indicator of quality for commission data.

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