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TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB17 by Kolkhorst (Relating to maternal health and safety, pregnancy-related deaths, and maternal morbidity, including postpartum depression.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Health and Safety Code Chapter 34 to expand the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force's duties. The bill would require the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force and the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to make information available to physicians and other licensed persons regarding best practices for screening pregnant women for substance use, a list of substance use treatment resources in the state, and review and promote educational materials regarding opioid drug use during pregnancy. The information shall be posted on HHSC's website.

The bill specifies how DSHS shall determine the number of cases of pregnancy-related deaths for review.

The bill would require the HHSC and DSHS to report on efforts taken to reduce the incidence of pregnancy-related deaths.

The bill would require DSHS, in collaboration with the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force, to promote maternal health and safety informational materials, and submit a report to the executive commissioner on maternal health and safety initiative outcomes and recommendations. The bill would also require HHSC to conduct a study on the feasibility of adding a provider's use of the materials as a pay-for-quality measure.

The bill would extend the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force until September 1, 2023.

The bill would require DSHS to submit a report on processes, procedures, and challenges associated with collecting cause of death information, including information regarding maternal mortality.

The bill would require meetings of the task force to comply with state requirements on conducting open meetings, pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 551 except in certain circumstances.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a two-thirds majority vote in each house. Otherwise, it would take effect 91 days after the last day of the First Called Session, 85th Legislature.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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