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H.B. No. 2403

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2403:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study concerning maternal mortality and morbidity in
the state's African American population.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 34, Health and Safety Code, is amended by
adding Section 34.0175 to read as follows:

Sec. 34.0175. STUDY ON MATERNAL MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY
AMONG AFRICAN AMERICAN POPULATION; REPORT. (a) The task force and
the department shall conduct a study to evaluate the causes of
maternal mortality and morbidity in the state's African American
population. The study must evaluate health conditions and factors
that disproportionately affect the African American population,
including:

(1) cardiac health conditions;

(2) preeclampsia, eclampsia, and other hypertensive
disorders;

(3) obesity; and

(4) stress-related health factors.

(b) The study must compare rates of maternal mortality and
morbidity based on the socioeconomic status of the mother.

(c) At the conclusion of the study, the task force and the
department shall develop recommendations on:

(1) reducing the incidence of pregnancy-related
deaths and severe maternal morbidity;

- 1 (2) patient outreach and education;
2 (3) health care provider training;
3 (4) best practices that have been identified as
4 successful in reducing maternal mortality and morbidity; and
5 (5) programs operating in other states that have
6 reduced maternal mortality and morbidity rates.

7 (d) The task force and the department shall prepare a
8 written report that summarizes the study's findings and the task
9 force's recommendations to be submitted not later than September 1,
10 2022. This report is in addition to the biennial report required
11 under Section 34.015.

12 (e) The biennial report required under Section 34.015
13 submitted in 2018 and the report submitted in 2020 must include
14 trends identified in conducting the study required under this
15 section that highlight differences affecting the state's African
16 American population compared to other populations related to
17 maternal mortality and morbidity. This section expires September
18 1, 2021.

19 SECTION 2. Section 34.018, Health and Safety Code, is
20 amended to read as follows:

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

25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.