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H.B. No. 2403

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a study concerning maternal mortality and morbidity in
3 the state's African American population.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task
6 Force, within the Department of State Health Services, shall
7 conduct a study to evaluate the causes of maternal mortality and
8 morbidity in the state's African American population. The study
9 must evaluate health conditions that disproportionately affect the
10 African American population, including:

- 11 (1) cardiac health conditions;
12 (2) eclampsia;
13 (3) hypertensive disorders;
14 (4) obesity; and
15 (5) stress-related health conditions.

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

19 (c) At the conclusion of the study, the Maternal Mortality
20 and Morbidity Task Force shall develop recommendations on:

- 21 (1) reducing the incidence of pregnancy-related
22 deaths and severe maternal morbidity;
23 (2) patient outreach and education;
24 (3) health care provider training;

1 (4) best practices that have been identified as
2 successful in reducing maternal mortality and morbidity; and

3 (5) programs operating in other states that have
4 reduced maternal mortality and morbidity rates.

5 (d) The Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force shall
6 include a written report that summarizes the study's findings and
7 the task force's recommendations in the biennial report required
8 under Section 34.015, Health and Safety Code, to be submitted not
9 later than September 1, 2018.

10 SECTION 2. This Act expires December 31, 2018.

11 SECTION 3. 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 September 1, 2017.