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H.B. No. 3696

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to birth record information included in certain health care data collection.

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

SECTION 1. Section 108.002(6), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(6) "Data" means information collected under Section 108.0065, 108.0066, or 108.009 in the form initially received.

SECTION 2. Chapter 108, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 108.0066 to read as follows:

Sec. 108.0066. BIRTH RECORD DATA. (a) In this section, "birth record data" means the data associated with the birth of an infant, including:

(1) information from the mother's prenatal care visits;

(2) the number of previous live births or miscarriages of the mother;

(3) the gestational age of the infant;

(4) the infant's birth weight;

(5) whether the infant is breast-fed in the hospital;

and

(6) whether the mother smoked during the pregnancy.

(b) The department shall collect birth record data under this chapter. The department may coordinate the collection of the

1 data with local registrars and the vital statistics unit of the
2 department. If the department requires additional birth record
3 data, a hospital shall provide to the department the data required
4 by the department in the form required by the department.

5 (c) Dissemination of data collected under this section is
6 subject to Sections 108.010, 108.011, 108.012, 108.013, 108.014,
7 and 108.0141.

8 (d) The department shall include the birth record data
9 collected under this section with hospital inpatient public use
10 data. The department shall cross-reference the birth record data of
11 an infant with the appropriate hospital inpatient data for the
12 patient giving birth to the infant to:

- 13 (1) increase the accuracy of the data;
14 (2) reduce incomplete data; and
15 (3) support research of maternal and newborn deaths
16 and complications.

17 SECTION 3. Not later than June 1, 2018, the Department of
18 State Health Services shall:

19 (1) collect birth record data described by Section
20 108.0066, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, for the
21 period beginning January 1, 2010, through the second quarter of the
22 year 2017;

23 (2) cross-reference the birth record data described by
24 Subdivision (1) with the appropriate hospital inpatient public use
25 data as described by Section 108.0066(d), Health and Safety Code,
26 as added by this Act; and

27 (3) incorporate the data described by Subdivisions (1)

1 and (2) into the public use data provided by the department.

2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.