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S.B. No. 1599

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to maternal mortality reporting and investigation information.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1001, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter J to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER J. MATERNAL MORTALITY REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION INFORMATION

Sec. 1001.241. MATERNAL MORTALITY REPORTING AND INVESTIGATION INFORMATION. (a) The department shall post on the department's Internet website information regarding the systematic protocol for pregnancy-related death investigations and the best practices for reporting pregnancy-related deaths to the medical examiner or justice of the peace of each county, as applicable.

(b) The information provided under Subsection (a) must include guidelines for:

(1) determining when a comprehensive toxicology screening should be performed on a person whose death was related to pregnancy;

(2) determining when a death should be investigated by a medical examiner or justice of the peace under Chapter 49, Code of Criminal Procedure; and

(3) correctly completing the death certificate of a person whose death was related to pregnancy.

1 (c) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules as
2 necessary to implement this section.

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