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S.B. No. 1941

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a strategic plan to address hyperemesis gravidarum.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 32.047 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.047. HYPEREMESIS GRAVIDARUM STRATEGIC PLAN. (a)

In this section, "hyperemesis gravidarum" means a disorder that causes a woman to experience extreme, persistent nausea and vomiting during pregnancy that may lead to dehydration, weight loss, or electrolyte imbalance.

(b) The commission shall develop and implement a five-year strategic plan to improve the diagnosis and treatment of and raise public awareness of hyperemesis gravidarum. Not later than September 1 of the last state fiscal year in each five-year period, the commission shall develop a new strategic plan for the next five state fiscal years that begins with the following state fiscal year.

(c) The strategic plan must provide strategies to:

(1) increase awareness among state-administered program providers who may serve women at risk of or experiencing hyperemesis gravidarum about the prevalence and effects of hyperemesis gravidarum on outcomes for women and children;

(2) establish a referral network of community-based health care providers and support services addressing hyperemesis

1 gravidarum;

2 (3) increase women's access to formal and informal
3 peer support services, including access to certified peer
4 specialists who have successfully completed additional training
5 related to hyperemesis gravidarum;

6 (4) raise public awareness of hyperemesis gravidarum;
7 and

8 (5) leverage sources of funding to support existing
9 community-based hyperemesis gravidarum screening, referral,
10 treatment, and support services.

11 (d) The commission shall coordinate with the department and
12 the statewide health coordinating council in the development of the
13 strategic plan.

14 (e) The commission, in consultation with the department and
15 the statewide health coordinating council, shall annually review
16 the strategic plan and update the plan as necessary.

17 SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2022, the Health and
18 Human Services Commission shall develop the initial strategic plan
19 required by Section 32.047, Health and Safety Code, as added by this
20 Act.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.