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S.B. No. 1941

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a hyperemesis strategic plan.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 35, Subtitle B, Title 2, Health and Safety Code is amended by adding new section 32.047 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.047. HYPEREMESIS STRATEGIC PLAN. (a) The commission shall develop and implement a five-year strategic plan to improve diagnosis and public awareness of hyperemesis gravidarum. Not later than September 1 of the last fiscal year in each five-year period, the commission shall develop a new strategic plan for the next five fiscal years beginning with the following fiscal year.

(b) The strategic plan must provide strategies to:

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

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

(3) increase women's access to formal and informal peer support services, including access to certified peer specialists who have received additional training related to

1 hyperemesis gravidarum;

2 (4) raise public awareness of hyperemesis gravidarum;

3 and

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

7 (c) The commission shall coordinate with the department and
8 the statewide health coordinating council in the development of
9 this strategic plan.

10 (d) The commission, in consultation with the department and
11 the statewide health coordinating council shall annually review and
12 update, as necessary, the strategic plan.

13 (e) For purposes of this section, "hyperemesis gravidarum"
14 means a disorder in which a woman experiences extreme, persistent
15 nausea and vomiting during pregnancy which lead to dehydration,
16 weight loss, and electrolyte imbalances.

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.