

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 20, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Stephanie Klick, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB136** by Thierry (Relating to the confidentiality and reporting of certain information on maternal mortality to the Department of State Health Services and to a work group establishing a maternal mortality and morbidity data registry.), **As Introduced**

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| <b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b> |
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The bill would authorize members of the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee to be reimbursed for travel or other expenses using gifts, grants, or federal funds received by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

DSHS would be required to allow voluntary and confidential reporting of pregnancy-associated deaths and pregnancy-related deaths and to post contact information on its website and conduct outreach regarding the reporting.

DSHS would be required to develop a work group on the establishment of a maternal mortality and morbidity data registry. DSHS, with the advice of the work group, would be required to assess and prepare a report and recommendations on the data registry by September 1, 2022.

It is assumed the provisions of the bill could be implemented using existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 537 State Health Services

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