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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition of the Texas Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 34.002(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  The review committee is a multidisciplinary advisory committee within the department and is composed of the following 21 [~~17~~] members:

(1)  19 [~~15~~] members appointed by the commissioner as follows:

(A)  four physicians specializing in obstetrics, at least one of whom is a maternal fetal medicine specialist;

(B)  one certified nurse-midwife;

(C)  one registered nurse;

(D)  one nurse specializing in labor and delivery;

(E)  one physician specializing in family practice;

(F)  one physician specializing in psychiatry;

(G)  one physician specializing in pathology;

(H)  one epidemiologist, biostatistician, or researcher of pregnancy-related deaths;

(I)  one social worker or social service provider;

(J)  one community advocate in a relevant field;

(K)  one medical examiner or coroner responsible for recording deaths; [~~and~~]

(L)  one physician specializing in critical care;

(M)  one physician specializing in emergency care;

(N)  one physician specializing in cardiology;

(O)  one physician specializing in anesthesiology; and

(P)  one physician specializing in oncology;

(2)  a representative of the department's family and community health programs; and

(3)  the state epidemiologist for the department or the epidemiologist's designee.

SECTION 2.  Section 34.003(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  Review committee members appointed by the commissioner serve staggered six-year terms, with one-third or as near as possible to one-third of the members' terms [~~of four or five members, as appropriate,~~] expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.