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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1.  Section 34.005, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 34.005.  DUTIES OF REVIEW COMMITTEE. The review committee shall annually, using data from the preceding year:

(1)  study and review:

(A)  cases of pregnancy-related deaths;

(B)  trends, rates, and [~~or~~] disparities in pregnancy-related deaths and severe maternal morbidity;

(C)  health conditions and factors that disproportionately affect the most at-risk population as determined in the joint biennial report required under Section 34.015; and

(D)  best practices and programs operating in other states that have reduced rates of pregnancy-related deaths;

(2)  compare rates of pregnancy-related deaths based on the socioeconomic status of the mother;

(3)  determine the feasibility of the review committee studying cases of severe maternal morbidity; and

(4)  in consultation with the Perinatal Advisory Council, make recommendations to help reduce the incidence of pregnancy-related deaths and severe maternal morbidity in this state.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.