

1-1 By: Kolkhorst S.B. No. 1929
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2017; March 27, 2017, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human Services;
 1-4 April 24, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 24, 2017,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-14	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1929 By: Kolkhorst

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to maternal mortality and morbidity and pregnancy-related
 1-22 deaths, including postpartum depression.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 34.005, Health and Safety Code, is
 1-25 amended to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 34.005. DUTIES OF TASK FORCE. The task force shall:

1-27 (1) study and review:

1-28 (A) cases of pregnancy-related deaths; and

1-29 (B) trends, rates, or disparities in maternal
 1-30 mortality and in severe maternal morbidity;

1-31 (2) determine the feasibility of the task force
 1-32 studying cases of severe maternal morbidity; and

1-33 (3) make recommendations to help reduce the incidence
 1-34 of pregnancy-related deaths and severe maternal morbidity in this
 1-35 state.

1-36 SECTION 2. Sections 34.007(a) and (b), Health and Safety
 1-37 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-38 (a) The department shall determine a statistically
 1-39 significant number of cases of pregnancy-related deaths for
 1-40 review. The department shall either randomly select cases or
 1-41 select all cases for the task force to review under this subsection
 1-42 to reflect a cross-section of pregnancy-related deaths in this
 1-43 state.

1-44 (b) The department shall statistically analyze aggregate
 1-45 data of pregnancy-related deaths and severe maternal morbidity in
 1-46 this state to identify any trends, rates, or disparities.

1-47 SECTION 3. Chapter 34, Health and Safety Code, is amended by
 1-48 adding Section 34.0155 to read as follows:

1-49 Sec. 34.0155. REPORT ON MATERNAL MORTALITY AND
 1-50 PREGNANCY-RELATED DEATHS. The commission shall:

1-51 (1) evaluate options for reducing maternal mortality,
 1-52 focusing on the most prevalent causes of maternal mortality as
 1-53 identified in the task force's biennial report required under
 1-54 Section 34.015, and for treating postpartum depression in
 1-55 economically disadvantaged women;

1-56 (2) submit a written report that summarizes the
 1-57 commission's efforts to accomplish the tasks described by
 1-58 Subdivision (1) to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the
 1-59 speaker of the house of representatives, the Legislative Budget
 1-60 Board, and the appropriate standing committees of the legislature

2-1 not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year; and
2-2 (3) to the extent authorized by state and federal law,
2-3 apply for federal money to fund the screening and treatment of
2-4 postpartum depression under Section 10005 of the 21st Century Cures
2-5 Act (42 U.S.C. Section 201 et seq.) and consider the
2-6 recommendations contained in the task force's biennial report in
2-7 using any federal grant money received.

2-8 SECTION 4. Section 34.018, Health and Safety Code, is
2-9 amended to read as follows:

2-10 Sec. 34.018. SUNSET PROVISION. The task force is subject to
2-11 Chapter 325, Government Code (Texas Sunset Act). Unless continued
2-12 in existence as provided by that chapter, the task force is
2-13 abolished and this chapter expires December 31, 2023 [~~September 1,~~
2-14 ~~2019~~].

2-15 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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