

1-1 By: Nelson, Kolkhorst, Menéndez S.B. No. 436
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 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human
 1-4 Services; April 3, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 3, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to statewide initiatives to improve maternal and newborn
 1-20 health for women with opioid use disorder.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Chapter 34, Health and Safety Code, is amended by
 1-23 adding Section 34.0158 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 34.0158. OPIOID USE DISORDER MATERNAL AND NEWBORN
 1-25 HEALTH INITIATIVES. (a) The department, in collaboration with the
 1-26 task force, shall develop and implement initiatives to:

1-27 (1) improve screening procedures to better identify
 1-28 and care for women with opioid use disorder;

1-29 (2) improve continuity of care for women with opioid
 1-30 use disorder by ensuring that health care providers refer the women
 1-31 to appropriate treatment and verify the women receive the
 1-32 treatment;

1-33 (3) optimize health care provided to pregnant women
 1-34 with opioid use disorder;

1-35 (4) optimize health care provided to newborns with
 1-36 neonatal abstinence syndrome by encouraging maternal engagement;

1-37 (5) increase access to medication-assisted treatment
 1-38 for women with opioid use disorder during pregnancy and the
 1-39 postpartum period; and

1-40 (6) prevent opioid use disorder by reducing the number
 1-41 of opioid drugs prescribed before, during, and following a
 1-42 delivery.

1-43 (b) Before implementing the initiatives described by
 1-44 Subsection (a), the department may conduct a limited pilot program
 1-45 in one or more geographic areas of this state to implement the
 1-46 initiatives at hospitals licensed under Chapter 241 with expertise
 1-47 in caring for newborns with neonatal abstinence syndrome or related
 1-48 conditions. The pilot program must conclude not later than March 1,
 1-49 2020. This subsection expires September 1, 2021.

1-50 (c) Using existing resources, the department, in
 1-51 collaboration with the task force, shall promote and facilitate the
 1-52 use among health care providers in this state of maternal health
 1-53 informational materials, including tools and procedures related to
 1-54 best practices in maternal health to improve obstetrical care for
 1-55 women with opioid use disorder.

1-56 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2020, the Department
 1-57 of State Health Services shall prepare and submit to the presiding
 1-58 officers of the standing committees of each house of the
 1-59 legislature with primary jurisdiction over public health a written
 1-60 report that evaluates the success of the initiatives developed and
 1-61 implemented under Section 34.0158, Health and Safety Code, as added

2-1 by this Act, and, if applicable, the pilot program conducted under
2-2 that section. The report submitted under this section may be
2-3 submitted with the report required under Section 34.0156, Health
2-4 and Safety Code.

2-5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-9 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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