

1-1 By: Kolkhorst S.B. No. 2150
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2019; March 21, 2019, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Health & Human Services;
 1-4 April 1, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 1, 2019,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Kolkhorst	X			
1-9 Perry	X			
1-10 Buckingham			X	
1-11 Campbell	X			
1-12 Flores	X			
1-13 Johnson	X			
1-14 Miles	X			
1-15 Powell	X			
1-16 Seliger	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2150 By: Seliger

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

1-21 relating to the reporting of certain information on maternal
 1-22 mortality to the Department of State Health Services and the
 1-23 confidentiality of that information.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 34.001, Health and Safety Code, is
 1-26 amended by adding Subdivisions (11-a) and (12-a) and amending
 1-27 Subdivisions (12) and (14) to read as follows:

1-28 (11-a) "Pregnancy-associated death" means the death
 1-29 of a woman by any cause that occurs during or within one year of
 1-30 delivery or end of pregnancy, regardless of the outcome or location
 1-31 of the pregnancy.

1-32 (12) "Pregnancy-related death" means the death of a
 1-33 woman while pregnant or within one year of delivery or end of
 1-34 pregnancy, regardless of the outcome, duration, or location [~~and~~
 1-35 ~~site~~] of the pregnancy, from any cause related to or aggravated by
 1-36 the pregnancy or its management, but not from accidental or
 1-37 incidental causes.

1-38 (12-a) "Review committee" means the Maternal Mortality
 1-39 and Morbidity Review Committee.

1-40 (14) "Task force" means the review committee [~~Maternal~~
 1-41 ~~Mortality and Morbidity Task Force~~].

1-42 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 34.002, Health and Safety
 1-43 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-44 Sec. 34.002. MATERNAL MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY REVIEW
 1-45 COMMITTEE; REFERENCE IN LAW [~~TASK FORCE~~].

1-46 SECTION 3. Section 34.002, Health and Safety Code, is
 1-47 amended by amending Subsections (a) and (e) and adding Subsection
 1-48 (a-1) to read as follows:

1-49 (a) The Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee
 1-50 [~~Task Force~~] is administered by the department.

1-51 (a-1) Notwithstanding any other law, a reference in this
 1-52 chapter or other law to the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task
 1-53 Force means the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee.

1-54 (e) A member of the task force appointed under Subsection
 1-55 (b)(1) is not entitled to compensation for service on the task force
 1-56 but, subject to Section 34.014(b), may be reimbursed [~~or~~
 1-57 ~~reimbursement~~] for travel or other expenses incurred by the member
 1-58 while conducting the business of the task force.

1-59 SECTION 4. Section 34.009(a), Health and Safety Code, is
 1-60 amended to read as follows:

2-1 (a) Any information pertaining to a pregnancy-associated
2-2 death, a pregnancy-related death, or severe maternal morbidity is
2-3 confidential for purposes of this chapter.

2-4 SECTION 5. Section 34.014, Health and Safety Code, is
2-5 amended to read as follows:

2-6 Sec. 34.014. FUNDING. (a) The department may accept gifts
2-7 and grants from any source to fund the duties of the department and
2-8 the task force under this chapter.

2-9 (b) The department may use only gifts, grants, or federal
2-10 funds to reimburse travel or other expenses incurred by a member of
2-11 the task force in accordance with Section 34.002(e).

2-12 SECTION 6. Section 34.008, Health and Safety Code, is
2-13 amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

2-14 (e) For purposes of this chapter, a licensed health care
2-15 provider, including a nurse, who is involved in obtaining
2-16 information relevant to a case of pregnancy-associated death,
2-17 pregnancy-related death, or severe maternal morbidity under this
2-18 chapter and who is required under other law to report a violation
2-19 related to the provider's profession is exempt from the requirement
2-20 to report the violation for information obtained under this
2-21 chapter.

2-22 SECTION 7. Section 34.017, Health and Safety Code, is
2-23 amended by adding Subsections (c), (d), and (e) to read as follows:

2-24 (c) The department may allow voluntary and confidential
2-25 reporting to the department of pregnancy-associated deaths and
2-26 pregnancy-related deaths by health care professionals, health care
2-27 facilities, and persons who complete the medical certification for
2-28 a death certificate for deaths reviewed or analyzed by the review
2-29 committee.

2-30 (d) The department shall allow voluntary and confidential
2-31 reporting to the department of pregnancy-associated deaths and
2-32 pregnancy-related deaths by family members of or other appropriate
2-33 individuals associated with a deceased patient. The department
2-34 shall:

2-35 (1) post on the department's Internet website the
2-36 contact information of the person to whom a report may be submitted
2-37 under this subsection; and

2-38 (2) conduct outreach to local health organizations on
2-39 the availability of the review committee to review and analyze the
2-40 deaths.

2-41 (e) Information reported to the department under this
2-42 section is confidential in accordance with Section 34.009.

2-43 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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