

1-1 By: Howard, Morales of Maverick H.B. No. 2873
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Blanco)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2023;
 1-4 May 5, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
 1-5 Human Services; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-6 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-12	X			
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1-14	X			
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1-16	X			
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to a strategic plan for improving maternal health,
 1-21 including the consolidation and repeal of certain planning and
 1-22 reporting requirements.

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

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is
 1-25 amended by adding Section 531.0223 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 531.0223. MATERNAL HEALTH STRATEGIC PLAN. (a) The
 1-27 commission shall develop and implement a strategic plan for
 1-28 improving maternal health outcomes under programs administered by
 1-29 this state that provide services to women during and following a
 1-30 pregnancy. The strategic plan must include strategies for:

1-31 (1) improving access to screening, referral,
 1-32 treatment, and support services for perinatal depression,
 1-33 hyperemesis gravidarum, and other major pregnancy-related health
 1-34 complications;

1-35 (2) improving the quality of maternal health care
 1-36 provided under Medicaid, the child health plan perinatal program,
 1-37 other health care programs administered by this state, and state
 1-38 health plans; and

1-39 (3) reducing pregnancy-related deaths, focusing on
 1-40 the most prevalent causes of those deaths.

1-41 (b) In developing the strategic plan, the commission shall
 1-42 consult with the Department of State Health Services, the statewide
 1-43 health coordinating council, and other maternal health experts as
 1-44 the commission determines necessary.

1-45 (c) Not later than December 31 of each even-numbered year,
 1-46 the commission shall provide the strategic plan developed under
 1-47 this section to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker
 1-48 of the house of representatives, the Senate Health and Human
 1-49 Services Committee, the House Public Health Committee, and the
 1-50 House Human Services Committee.

1-51 SECTION 2. Section 34.0155, Health and Safety Code, is
 1-52 amended to read as follows:

1-53 Sec. 34.0155. OPTIONS AND STRATEGIES FOR REDUCING [REPORT
 1-54 ON] PREGNANCY-RELATED DEATHS, SEVERE MATERNAL MORBIDITY, AND
 1-55 POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION. The commission shall:

1-56 (1) evaluate options for reducing pregnancy-related
 1-57 deaths, focusing on the most prevalent causes of pregnancy-related
 1-58 deaths as identified in the joint biennial report required under
 1-59 Section 34.015, and for treating postpartum depression in
 1-60 economically disadvantaged women; and

1-61 (2) in coordination with the department and the review

2-1 committee, identify strategies to:

2-2 (A) lower costs of providing medical assistance
2-3 under Chapter 32, Human Resources Code, related to severe maternal
2-4 morbidity and chronic illness; and

2-5 (B) improve quality outcomes related to the
2-6 underlying causes of severe maternal morbidity and chronic
2-7 illness[~~, and~~

2-8 [~~(3) not later than December 1 of each even-numbered~~
2-9 ~~year, submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker~~
2-10 ~~of the house of representatives, the Legislative Budget Board, and~~
2-11 ~~the appropriate standing committees of the legislature a written~~
2-12 ~~report that includes:~~

2-13 [~~(A) a summary of the commission's and~~
2-14 ~~department's efforts to accomplish the tasks described by~~
2-15 ~~Subdivisions (1) and (2); and~~

2-16 [~~(B) a summary of the report required by Section~~
2-17 ~~34.0156].~~

2-18 SECTION 3. The following provisions of the Health and
2-19 Safety Code are repealed:

- 2-20 (1) Section 32.046;
- 2-21 (2) Section 32.047;
- 2-22 (3) Sections 32.155(d) and (e);
- 2-23 (4) Section 34.0158; and
- 2-24 (5) Section 34.020(f).

2-25 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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