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ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 119–ASSEMBLYWOMEN THOMAS, MONROE-MORENO, SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG, BRITTNEY MILLER, TITUS; ANDERSON, BENITEZ-THOMPSON, BILBRAY-AXELROD, CARLTON, COHEN, CONSIDINE, GONZÁLEZ, GORELOW, KRASNER, MARZOLA, NGUYEN AND PETERS

FEBRUARY 11, 2021

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS NEAL, SCHEIBLE AND D. HARRIS

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to the Maternal Mortality Review Committee. (BDR 40-740)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to maternal health; revising the duties of the Maternal Mortality Review Committee; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law establishes the Maternal Mortality Review Committee and requires the Committee to perform certain duties relating to studying and recommending measures to reduce maternal mortality. (NRS 442.751-442.774) This bill requires the Committee, within the limits of available resources, to: (1) identify and review disparities in the incidence of maternal mortality in this State; and (2) include a summary of those disparities in the report required by existing law to be submitted to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to each regular session of the Legislature. This bill also requires the Maternal Mortality Review Committee to collaborate with the Advisory Committee of the Office of Minority Health and Equity of the Department of Health and Human Services in the development of the report.





THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 442.767 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2 442.767 1. The Committee shall:

(a) Identify and review each incident of maternal mortality in 3 4 this State, regardless of the cause of death. Such a review must 5 include, without limitation and to the extent that such records exist, 6 a review of relevant medical records, birth and death certificates, 7 records of an autopsy, records created by a medical facility or 8 provider of emergency medical services, records of a social services 9 agency, mental health records and records of a law enforcement 10 agency described in NRS 442.774.

(b) Use the Maternal Mortality Review Information Application 11 12 developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the 13 United States Department of Health and Human Services or, if that 14 application ceases to exist, a similar application designated by the 15 Director, to conduct reviews pursuant to paragraph (a).

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(c) Within the limits of available resources [, review]:

17 (1) **Review** incidents and trends in severe maternal morbidity in this State. 18

19 (2) Identify and review disparities in the incidence of 20 *maternal mortality in this State by analyzing:*

21 (I) The race, ethnicity and age of mothers who 22 *experience maternal mortality;*

23 (II) The geographic region of the residence of mothers who experience maternal mortality; and 24 25

(III) Any other variables identified by the Committee.

(d) Based on the reviews conducted pursuant to paragraphs (a) 26 27 and (c), develop recommendations to prevent maternal mortality and 28 maternal morbidity and disseminate severe findings and 29 recommendations to providers of health care, medical facilities, 30 other interested persons and entities and the public.

31 (e) On or before April 1 of each year, compile and publish on an 32 Internet website operated by the Department a report that consists of 33 data concerning maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity in 34 this State during the immediately preceding year. Such data must be 35 aggregated and presented in a manner that does not allow for the identification of any person. 36

37 (f) On or before December 31 of each even-numbered year and in collaboration with the Advisory Committee of the Office of 38 39 Minority Health and Equity of the Department and the Chief Medical Officer, develop and submit to the Director of the 40 41 Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to the next regular 42 session of the Legislature a report that includes, without limitation:





(1) A description of the incidents of maternal mortality and
severe maternal morbidity reviewed pursuant to [paragraphs]
paragraph (a) and subparagraph (1) of paragraph (c), respectively,
during the immediately preceding 24 months, provided in a manner
that does not allow for the identification of any person;

6 (2) A summary of the disparities identified and reviewed 7 pursuant to subparagraph (2) of paragraph (c);

8 (3) Plans for corrective action to reduce maternal mortality 9 and severe maternal morbidity in this State; and

10 [(3)] (4) Recommendations for any legislation or other 11 changes to policy to reduce maternal mortality and severe maternal 12 morbidity or otherwise improve the delivery of health care in this 13 State.

14 2. The Advisory Committee of the Office of Minority Health 15 and Equity may not access any information deemed as 16 confidential pursuant to NRS 442.774 while collaborating with the 17 Committee in the development of the report pursuant to paragraph 18 (f) of subsection 1.

19 **3.** As used in this section, "medical facility" has the meaning 20 ascribed to it in NRS 449.0151.

21 Sec. 2. The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do 22 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a 23 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

24 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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