



Texas Hospitals Support Committee Substitute to House Bill 2703

Texas Hospitals Continue to Invest in Efforts to Reduce Maternal Mortality and Morbidity

Consistent with Texas hospitals' longstanding commitment to and investment in promoting the health of mothers and babies, the Texas Hospital Association supports the Committee Substitute to House Bill 2703, by Rep. Shawn Thierry (D-Houston), to establish a maternal mortality and morbidity data registry to help improve maternal outcomes and eliminate preventable maternal mortality and morbidity.

THA respectfully urges your support to vote CSHB 2703 favorably out of the Texas House Public Health Committee.

THA has worked closely with Rep. Thierry to ensure that creation and implementation of the proposed data registry considers elements critical to supporting maternal health and wellbeing. The agreed-upon language directs the Texas Department of State Health Services to establish a workgroup to make recommendations on the secure data registry. In conducting its review, the workgroup would:

- Review existing or planned registries, within or outside the state, to identify best practices related to registries serving the same or similar purposes.
- Review current efforts and initiatives within the state to avoid duplication of efforts and ensure efficiencies.
- Review and consider existing laws that govern data submission and sharing, including laws governing the confidentiality and security of individually identifiable health information.
- Evaluate the clinical time periods for which data and information available to the reporting health care provider should be submitted, which may include information and data known and available to the health care provider.

In addition, CSHB 2703 would:

- Require specific partners to serve on the workgroup including hospital, physician and nursing representatives as well as individuals appointed by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.
- Require the workgroup to deliver its report to the Legislature as well as the Maternal Mortality & Morbidity Task Force.
- Establishes September 2020 as the deadline to submit the required report.

Texas hospitals support measuring progress towards the goal of eliminating maternal mortality and morbidity that all health care providers share.

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