
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5322

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS REGARDING INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE TOWARD PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM PATIENTS.

SUMMARY

By law, a Maternal Mortality Review Committee within the Department of Public Health (DPH) conducts multidisciplinary reviews of maternal deaths to identify associated factors and make recommendations to reduce these deaths.

This bill requires the committee, by January 1, 2025, to develop educational materials on intimate partner violence toward pregnant and postpartum people.

Under the bill, DPH must distribute the educational materials (1) in print to each birthing hospital and birth center in the state and (2) electronically to obstetricians and other health care providers who practice obstetrics. It correspondingly requires these facilities and providers to give the educational materials to their pregnant and postpartum patients.

Existing law already requires the committee to develop educational materials on indicators of intimate partner violence for DPH to distribute to (1) hospitals for emergency department health care providers and social workers to use and (2) obstetricians and other health care providers who practice obstetrics.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 37 Nay 0 (03/11/2024)