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SENATE BILL 189

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
STATEWIDE PERINATAL COLLABORATIVE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] STATEWIDE PERINATAL
COLLABORATIVE--DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH.--

A. By July 1, 2014, the department of health shall
establish a statewide "perinatal collaborative" to improve
health outcomes for pregnant women and newborns. The
department shall contract for the development of the
collaborative with a statewide nonprofit organization
representing hospitals.

B. The purpose of the collaborative is to improve
outcomes for families by:

- (1) standardizing the use of evidence-based

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1 practice in obstetrical settings, newborn and neonatal
2 intensive care units and other health care facilities;

3 (2) achieving measurable improvements in
4 health outcomes for pregnant women and newborns in the state;

5 (3) reducing unintended pregnancies,
6 particularly among youth;

7 (4) reducing pre-term births and improving the
8 outcomes of pre-term newborns;

9 (5) promoting effective quality-improving and
10 cost-savings best practices to providers of women's health and
11 perinatal care; and

12 (6) improving multiple health conditions
13 addressed by obstetrical, women's health and neonatal health
14 providers.

15 C. The collaborative shall include the department
16 of health, physicians, nurse-midwives, health care clinics and
17 other health care providers.

18 D. The department and the collaborative shall
19 report annually to the legislative health and human services
20 committee and the legislative finance committee on systemic
21 improvements, state and local health statistics for pregnant
22 women and newborns and other information the collaborative
23 considers important.

24 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**--Two hundred thousand dollars
25 (\$200,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the

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1 department of health for expenditure in fiscal years 2014 and
2 2015 to establish the statewide perinatal collaborative. Any
3 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
4 fiscal year 2015 shall revert to the general fund.