

1 SENATE BILL 58

2 **52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016**

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10 AN ACT

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

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

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

17 A. By October 1, 2016, the department of health
18 shall establish a statewide "perinatal collaborative" to
19 improve health outcomes for pregnant women and newborns. The
20 department shall contract for the development of the
21 collaborative with a statewide nonprofit organization whose
22 purpose is to serve as a perinatal collaborative.

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

25 (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-saving 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 care providers.

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

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.**--Three hundred thousand dollars
25 (\$300,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the

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1 department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2017 to
2 establish the statewide perinatal collaborative in accordance
3 with Section 1 of this act. Any unexpended or unencumbered
4 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2017 shall revert
5 to the general fund.

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