

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 168—ASSEMBLYWOMEN
THOMAS AND GORELOW

FEBRUARY 14, 2023

Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the Maternal Mortality Review Committee in the Department of Health and Human Services. (BDR 40-64)

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

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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 in the Department of Health and Human Services; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law establishes the Maternal Mortality Review Committee within the
2 Department of Health and Human Services and requires the Committee to perform
3 certain duties relating to studying and recommending measures to reduce maternal
4 mortality. (NRS 442.751-442.774) This bill requires the Committee, within the
5 limits of available resources, to: (1) identify and review disparities in the incidence
6 of preventable infant deaths; (2) develop recommendations to reduce the infant
7 deaths; and (3) include certain information concerning preventable infant deaths in
8 certain reports required by existing law. (NRS 442.767)

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:
3 (a) Identify and review each incident of maternal mortality in
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



1 provider of emergency medical services, records of a social services
2 agency, mental health records and records of a law enforcement
3 agency described in NRS 442.774.

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

9 (c) Within the limits of available resources:

10 (1) Review incidents and trends in severe maternal morbidity
11 in this State.

12 (2) Identify and review disparities in the incidence of
13 maternal mortality *and preventable infant deaths* in this State by
14 analyzing:

15 (I) The race, ethnicity and age of mothers who experience
16 maternal mortality ~~and~~, *infants who experience preventable death*
17 *and mothers of infants who experience preventable death;*

18 (II) The geographic region of the residence of mothers
19 who experience maternal mortality ~~and~~ *and mothers of infants who*
20 *experience preventable death;* and

21 (III) Any other variables identified by the Committee.

22 (d) Based on the reviews conducted pursuant to paragraphs (a)
23 and (c), develop recommendations to prevent maternal mortality ,
24 ~~and~~ severe maternal morbidity *and the death of infants* and
25 disseminate findings and recommendations to providers of health
26 care, medical facilities, other interested persons and entities and the
27 public.

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

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

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



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

(3) Plans for corrective action to reduce maternal mortality , ~~and~~ severe maternal morbidity *and preventable infant deaths* in this State; and

(4) Recommendations for any legislation or other changes to policy to reduce maternal mortality , ~~and~~ severe maternal morbidity *and preventable infant deaths* or otherwise improve the delivery of health care in this State.

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

3. As used in this section, “medical facility” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.0151.

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

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

