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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to health care practitioners; creating
3 s. 456.0495, F.S.; requiring a health care
4 practitioner to report certain adverse incidents to
5 the Department of Health within a certain period;
6 requiring the department to adopt rules establishing
7 guidelines for reporting specified adverse incidents;
8 providing an effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Section 456.0495, Florida Statutes, is created
13 to read:

14 456.0495 Reporting adverse incidents occurring in out-of-
15 hospital births.-

16 (1) A health care practitioner as defined in s. 456.001(4)
17 shall report any adverse incident, as defined by department
18 rule, occurring as a result of an attempted or completed,
19 planned birthing center or out-of-hospital birth, along with a
20 medical summary of events, to the department within 15 days
21 after the adverse incident occurs.

22 (2) The department shall adopt rules establishing
23 guidelines for reporting adverse incidents, including, but not
24 limited to:

25 (a) Maternal deaths that occur during delivery or within 42
26 days after delivery.

27 (b) Transfers of maternal patients to a hospital intensive
28 care unit.

29 (c) Maternal patients who experience hemorrhagic shock or

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30 who require a transfusion of more than 4 units of blood or blood
31 products.

32 (d) Fetal or infant deaths, including stillbirths,
33 associated with obstetrical deliveries.

34 (e) Transfers of infants to a neonatal intensive care unit
35 due to a traumatic physical or neurological birth injury,
36 including any degree of a brachial plexus injury.

37 (f) Transfers of infants to a neonatal intensive care unit
38 within the first 72 hours after birth if the infant remains in
39 such unit for more than 72 hours.

40 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.