

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED                                         (Y/N)  
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OTHER                                          

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Professions & Public  
2 Health Subcommittee

3 Representative Brown offered the following:

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5 **Amendment**

6 Remove lines 111-191 and insert:

7 (h) "Perinatal professionals" means doulas, Healthy Start and  
8 home visiting programs, childbirth educators, community health  
9 workers, peer supporters, certified lactation consultants,  
10 nutritionists and dietitians, social workers, and other licensed  
11 and nonlicensed professionals who assist women through their  
12 prenatal or postpartum periods.

13 (i) "Postpartum" means the 1-year period beginning on the  
14 last day of a woman's pregnancy.

15 (j) "Severe maternal morbidity" means an unexpected  
16 outcome caused by a woman's labor and delivery which results in

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17 significant short-term or long-term consequences to the woman's  
18 health.

19 (k) "Technology-enabled collaborative learning and  
20 capacity building model" means a distance health care education  
21 model that connects health care professionals, particularly  
22 specialists, with other health care professionals through  
23 simultaneous interactive videoconferencing for the purpose of  
24 facilitating case-based learning, disseminating best practices,  
25 and evaluating outcomes in the context of maternal health care.

26 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the pilot programs is to:

27 (a) Expand the use of technology-enabled collaborative  
28 learning and capacity building models to improve maternal health  
29 outcomes for the following populations and demographics:

30 1. Ethnic and minority populations.

31 2. Health professional shortage areas.

32 3. Areas with significant racial and ethnic disparities in  
33 maternal health outcomes and high rates of adverse maternal  
34 health outcomes, including, but not limited to, maternal  
35 mortality and severe maternal morbidity.

36 4. Medically underserved populations.

37 5. Indigenous populations.

38 (b) Provide for the adoption of and use of telehealth  
39 services that allow for screening and treatment of common  
40 pregnancy-related complications, including, but not limited to,  
41 anxiety, depression, substance use disorder, hemorrhage,

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42 infection, amniotic fluid embolism, thrombotic pulmonary or  
43 other embolism, hypertensive disorders relating to pregnancy,  
44 diabetes, cerebrovascular accidents, cardiomyopathy, and other  
45 cardiovascular conditions.

46 (3) TELEHEALTH SERVICES AND EDUCATION.—The pilot programs  
47 shall adopt the use of telehealth or coordinate with prenatal  
48 home visiting programs for services to provide all of the  
49 following services and education to eligible pregnant women up  
50 to the last day of their postpartum periods, as applicable:

51 (a) Referrals to Healthy Start's coordinated intake and  
52 referral program to offer families prenatal home visiting  
53 services.

54 (b) Services and education addressing social determinants  
55 of health, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

- 56 1. Housing placement options.  
57 2. Transportation services or information on how to access  
58 such services.  
59 3. Nutrition counseling.  
60 4. Access to healthy foods.  
61 5. Lactation support.  
62 6. Lead abatement and other efforts to improve air and  
63 water quality.  
64 7. Child care options.  
65 8. Car seat installation and training.  
66 9. Wellness and stress management programs.

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67 10. Coordination across safety net and social support  
68 services and programs.

69 (c) Evidence-based health literacy and pregnancy,  
70 childbirth, and parenting education for women in the prenatal  
71 and postpartum periods.

72 (d) For women during their pregnancies through the  
73 postpartum periods, connection to support from doulas and other  
74 perinatal health workers.

75 (e) Tools for prenatal women to conduct key components of  
76 maternal wellness checks, including, but not limited to, all of  
77 the following:

78 1. A device to measure body weight, such as a scale.

79 2. A device to measure blood pressure which has a verbal  
80 reader to assist the pregnant woman in reading the device and to  
81 ensure that the health care practitioner performing the wellness  
82 check through telehealth is able to hear the reading.

83 3. A device to measure blood sugar levels with a verbal  
84 reader to assist the pregnant woman in reading the device and to  
85 ensure that the health care practitioner performing the wellness  
86 check through telehealth is able to hear the reading.

87 4. Any other device that the health care practitioner  
88 performing wellness checks through telehealth deems necessary.