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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Policy (Gibson) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 110 - 190

and insert:

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



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

13 (j) "Severe maternal morbidity" means an unexpected outcome  
14 caused by a woman's labor and delivery which results in  
15 significant short-term or long-term consequences to the woman's  
16 health.

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

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

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

28 1. Ethnic and minority populations.

29 2. Health professional shortage areas.

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

34 4. Medically underserved populations.

35 5. Indigenous populations.

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



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

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

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

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

54 1. Housing placement options.

55 2. Transportation services or information on how to access  
56 such services.

57 3. Nutrition counseling.

58 4. Access to healthy foods.

59 5. Lactation support.

60 6. Lead abatement and other efforts to improve air and  
61 water quality.

62 7. Child care options.

63 8. Car seat installation and training.

64 9. Wellness and stress management programs.

65 10. Coordination across safety net and social support  
66 services and programs.

67 (c) Evidence-based health literacy and pregnancy,  
68 childbirth, and parenting education for women in the prenatal



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69 and postpartum periods.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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88 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

89 And the title is amended as follows:

90 Delete line 12

91 and insert:

92 services, or coordinate with prenatal home visiting  
93 programs to provide specified services, to eligible  
94 pregnant women for a specified