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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **sHB 6599**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AND OTHER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) Maternal Mortality Review Committee, by January 1, 2024, to develop educational materials on intimate partner violence toward pregnant and postpartum individuals. DPH must distribute the materials to each of the state's birthing hospitals, obstetricians, and other health care providers who practice obstetrics for them to provide to pregnant and postpartum patients.

By law, the Maternal Mortality Review Committee conducts comprehensive, multidisciplinary reviews of maternal deaths to identify associated factors and makes recommendations to reduce these deaths.

Additionally, starting by January 1, 2024, the bill allows any of the state's licensed health care providers who screen patients for domestic violence to submit documentation to DPH demonstrating that they do so. They may do this annually, and as DPH prescribes.

Starting by January 1, 2025, DPH must maintain and publish on the department's website an annual list of providers who submit this documentation and who the commissioner determines screen patients for domestic violence.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon passage, except the provision on the list of providers who screen for domestic violence takes effect July 1, 2023.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 35 Nay 0 (03/03/2023)