
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6599 (as amended by House "A")*

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 for distribution to each of the state's birthing hospitals. It requires these hospitals, starting February 1, 2024, to provide the materials to their pregnant and postpartum patients.

The bill also requires DPH to electronically distribute the educational materials to 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.

*House Amendment "A" replaces the original bill (File 55). It (1) removes the requirement that DPH distribute the educational materials to birthing hospitals, (2) specifies that DPH must distribute the materials to specified health care providers electronically, (3) adds the requirement that birthing hospitals distribute the materials to their pregnant and postpartum patients, and (4) removes the provision allowing health care providers who screen patients for domestic violence to annually submit documentation to DPH that they do so and requiring DPH to publish on its website an annual list of these providers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, except the provision on requiring birthing hospitals to provide patients educational materials takes effect

July 1, 2023.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 35 Nay 0 (03/03/2023)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 53 Nay 0 (05/01/2023)