

AN ACT concerning State government.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding Section 2310-223 as follows:

(20 ILCS 2310/2310-223 new)

Sec. 2310-223. Obstetric hemorrhage and hypertension training.

(a) As used in this Section, "birthing facility" means (1) a hospital, as defined in the Hospital Licensing Act, with more than one licensed obstetric bed or a neonatal intensive care unit; (2) a hospital operated by a State university; or (3) a birth center, as defined in the Alternative Health Care Delivery Act.

(b) The Department shall ensure that all birthing facilities conduct continuing education yearly for providers and staff of obstetric medicine and of the emergency department and other staff that may care for pregnant or postpartum women. The continuing education shall include yearly educational modules regarding management of severe maternal hypertension and obstetric hemorrhage for units that care for pregnant or postpartum women. Birthing facilities must demonstrate

compliance with these education and training requirements.

(c) The Department shall collaborate with the Illinois Perinatal Quality Collaborative or its successor organization to develop an initiative to improve birth equity and reduce peripartum racial and ethnic disparities. The Department shall ensure that the initiative includes the development of best practices for implicit bias training and education in cultural competency to be used by birthing facilities in interactions between patients and providers. In developing the initiative, the Illinois Perinatal Quality Collaborative or its successor organization shall consider existing programs, such as the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health and the California Maternal Quality Collaborative's pilot work on improving birth equity. The Department shall support the initiation of a statewide perinatal quality improvement initiative in collaboration with birthing facilities to implement strategies to reduce peripartum racial and ethnic disparities and to address implicit bias in the health care system.

(d) The Department, in consultation with the Maternal Mortality Review Committee, shall make available to all birthing facilities best practices for timely identification of all pregnant and postpartum women in the emergency department and for appropriate and timely consultation of an obstetric provider to provide input on management and follow-up. Birthing facilities may use telemedicine for the consultation.

Public Act 101-0390

HB2895 Enrolled

LRB101 08505 CPF 53582 b

(e) The Department may adopt rules for the purpose of implementing this Section.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2020.