

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

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

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-223 new)

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

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

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

1 compliance with these education and training requirements.

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

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

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

3       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
4       1, 2020.