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Chapter 514

S.B. No. 436

AN ACT

relating to statewide initiatives to improve maternal and newborn health for women with opioid use disorder.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 34, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 34.0158 to read as follows:

Sec. 34.0158. OPIOID USE DISORDER MATERNAL AND NEWBORN HEALTH INITIATIVES. (a) The department, in collaboration with the task force, shall develop and implement initiatives to:

(1) improve screening procedures to better identify and care for women with opioid use disorder;

(2) improve continuity of care for women with opioid use disorder by ensuring that health care providers refer the women to appropriate treatment and verify the women receive the treatment;

(3) optimize health care provided to pregnant women with opioid use disorder;

(4) optimize health care provided to newborns with neonatal abstinence syndrome by encouraging maternal engagement;

(5) increase access to medication-assisted treatment for women with opioid use disorder during pregnancy and the postpartum period; and

(6) prevent opioid use disorder by reducing the number of opioid drugs prescribed before, during, and following a

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1 delivery.

2 (b) Before implementing the initiatives described by  
3 Subsection (a), the department may conduct a limited pilot program  
4 in one or more geographic areas of this state to implement the  
5 initiatives at hospitals licensed under Chapter 241 with expertise  
6 in caring for newborns with neonatal abstinence syndrome or related  
7 conditions. The pilot program must conclude not later than March 1,  
8 2020. This subsection expires September 1, 2021.

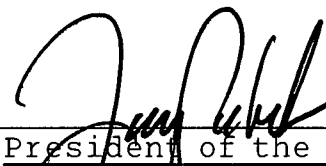
9 (c) Using existing resources, the department, in  
10 collaboration with the task force, shall promote and facilitate the  
11 use among health care providers in this state of maternal health  
12 informational materials, including tools and procedures related to  
13 best practices in maternal health to improve obstetrical care for  
14 women with opioid use disorder.

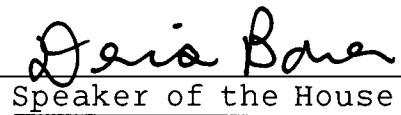
15 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2020, the Department  
16 of State Health Services shall prepare and submit to the presiding  
17 officers of the standing committees of each house of the  
18 legislature with primary jurisdiction over public health a written  
19 report that evaluates the success of the initiatives developed and  
20 implemented under Section 34.0158, Health and Safety Code, as added  
21 by this Act, and, if applicable, the pilot program conducted under  
22 that section. The report submitted under this section may be  
23 submitted with the report required under Section 34.0156, Health  
24 and Safety Code.

25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

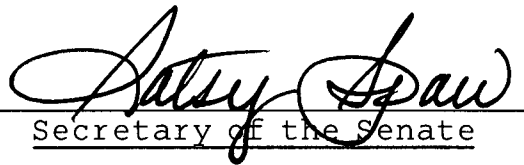
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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2 Act takes effect September 1, 2019. \_\_\_\_\_

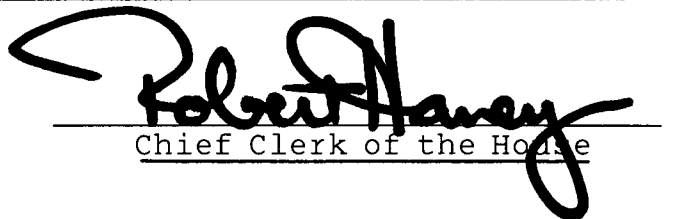
  
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President of the Senate

  
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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 436 passed the Senate on  
April 10, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0. \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 436 passed the House on  
May 17, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 2, one  
present not voting. \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

6-6-2019

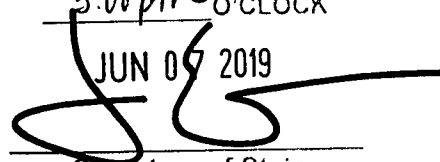
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