

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 changing Section 2310-222 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-222)

8 Sec. 2310-222. Obstetric hemorrhage and hypertension  
9 training.

10 (a) As used in this Section:

11 "Birthing facility" means (1) a hospital, as defined in  
12 the Hospital Licensing Act, with more than one licensed  
13 obstetric bed or a neonatal intensive care unit; (2) a  
14 hospital operated by a State university; ~~or~~ (3) a birth  
15 center, as defined in the Alternative Health Care Delivery  
16 Act; or (4) a birth center, as defined in the Birth Center  
17 Licensing Act.

18 "Postpartum" means the 12-month period after a person has  
19 delivered a baby.

20 (b) The Department shall ensure that all birthing  
21 facilities have a written policy and conduct continuing  
22 education yearly for providers and staff of obstetric medicine  
23 and of the emergency department and other staff that may care

1 for pregnant or postpartum women. The written policy and  
2 continuing education shall include ~~yearly educational modules~~  
3 ~~regarding~~ management of severe maternal hypertension and  
4 obstetric hemorrhage, addressing airway emergencies  
5 experienced during childbirth, and management of other leading  
6 causes of maternal mortality for units that care for pregnant  
7 or postpartum women. Birthing facilities must demonstrate  
8 compliance with these written policy and ~~education,~~ ~~and~~  
9 ~~training~~ requirements.

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

1           (d) In order to better facilitate continuity of care, the  
2 Department, in consultation with the Illinois Perinatal  
3 Quality Collaborative, shall make available to all birthing  
4 facilities best practices for timely identification and  
5 assessment of all pregnant and postpartum women for common  
6 pregnancy or postpartum complications in the emergency  
7 department and for care provided by the birthing facility  
8 throughout the pregnancy and postpartum period. The best  
9 practices shall include the appropriate and timely  
10 consultation of an obstetric or other relevant provider to  
11 provide input on management and follow-up, such as offering  
12 coordination of a post-delivery early postpartum visit or  
13 other services that may be appropriate and available. Birthing  
14 facilities shall incorporate these best practices into the  
15 written policy required under subsection (b). Birthing  
16 facilities may use telemedicine for the consultation.

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

19           (Source: P.A. 101-390, eff. 1-1-20; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21;  
20 102-665, eff. 10-8-21.)

21           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
22 becoming law.