

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 2310-676 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-676 new)

8 Sec. 2310-676. Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Advisory
9 Committee.

10 (a) As used in this Section:

11 "Department" means the Department of Public Health.

12 "Director" means the Director of Public Health.

13 "Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome" or "NAS" means various
14 adverse conditions that occur in a newborn infant who was
15 exposed to addictive or prescription drugs while in the
16 mother's womb.

17 (b) There is created the Advisory Committee on Neonatal
18 Abstinence Syndrome. The Advisory Committee shall consist of up
19 to 10 members appointed by the Director of Public Health. The
20 Director shall make the appointments within 90 days after the
21 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General
22 Assembly. Members shall receive no compensation for their
23 services. The members of the Advisory Committee shall represent

1 different racial, ethnic, and geographic backgrounds and
2 consist of:

3 (1) at least one member representing a statewide
4 association of hospitals;

5 (2) at least one member representing a statewide
6 organization of pediatricians;

7 (3) at least one member representing a statewide
8 organization of obstetricians;

9 (4) at least one member representing a statewide
10 organization that advocates for the health of mothers and
11 infants;

12 (5) at least one member representing a statewide
13 organization of licensed physicians;

14 (6) at least one member who is a licensed practical
15 nurse, registered professional nurse, or advance practice
16 nurse with expertise in the treatment of newborns in
17 neonatal intensive care units;

18 (7) at least one member representing a local or
19 regional public health agency; and

20 (8) at least one member with expertise in the treatment
21 of drug dependency and addiction.

22 (c) In addition to the membership in subsection (a) of this
23 Section, the following persons or their designees shall serve
24 as ex officio members of the Advisory Committee: the Director
25 of Public Health, the Secretary of Human Services, the Director
26 of Healthcare and Family Services, and the Director of Children

1 and Family Services. The Director of Public Health, or his or
2 her designee, shall serve as Chair of the Committee.

3 (d) The Advisory Committee shall meet at the call of the
4 Chair. The Committee shall meet at least 3 times each year and
5 its initial meeting shall take place within 120 days after the
6 effective date of this Act. The Advisory Committee shall advise
7 and assist the Department to:

8 (1) develop an appropriate standard clinical
9 definition of "NAS";

10 (2) develop a uniform process of identifying NAS;

11 (3) develop protocols for training hospital personnel
12 in implementing an appropriate and uniform process for
13 identifying and treating NAS;

14 (4) identify and develop options for reporting NAS data
15 to the Department by using existing or new data reporting
16 options; and

17 (5) make recommendations to the Department on
18 evidence-based guidelines and programs to improve the
19 outcomes of pregnancies with respect to NAS.

20 (e) The Advisory Committee shall provide an annual report
21 of its activities and recommendations to the Director, the
22 General Assembly, and the Governor by March 31 of each year
23 beginning in 2016. The final report of the Advisory Committee
24 shall be submitted by March 31, 2019.

25 (f) This Section is repealed on June 30, 2019.

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.