SENATE BILL
54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019
INTRODUCED BY

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT
RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
STATEWIDE PERINATAL COLLABORATIVE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] STATEWIDE PERINATAL
COLLABORATIVE--DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH.--
   A. By October 1, 2019, the department of health
shall establish the "statewide perinatal collaborative" to
improve health outcomes for pregnant women and newborns. The
department shall contract for the development of the
collaborative with a statewide nonprofit organization whose
purpose is to serve as a perinatal collaborative.
   B. The purpose of the statewide perinatal
collaborative is to improve outcomes for families by:
      (1) standardizing the use of evidence-based
practice in obstetrical settings, newborn and neonatal
intensive care units and other health care facilities;

    (2) achieving measurable improvements in
health outcomes for pregnant women and newborns in the state;

    (3) reducing unintended pregnancies,
particularly among youth;

    (4) reducing pre-term births and improving the
outcomes of pre-term newborns;

    (5) promoting effective quality-improving and
cost-saving best practices to providers of women's health and
perinatal care; and

    (6) improving multiple health conditions
addressed by obstetrical, women's health and neonatal health
care providers.

C. Membership of the statewide perinatal
   collaborative shall include representatives of the department
   of health, physicians, nurse-midwives, representatives of
   health care clinics, other health care providers and other
   stakeholders.

D. The department of health and the statewide
   perinatal collaborative shall report annually to the
   legislative health and human services committee and the
   legislative finance committee on systemic improvements, state
   and local health statistics for pregnant women and newborns and
   other information that the statewide perinatal collaborative
SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2020 to establish the statewide perinatal collaborative in accordance with Section 1 of this act. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2020 shall revert to the general fund.