



SPONSOR: Rep. Minor-Brown

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO
HOUSE BILL NO. 340

AMEND House Bill No. 340 by deleting line 11 and substituting in lieu thereof:

“Subchapter II. Maternal and Child Death Review Commission”.

FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 340 by deleting line 19 and substituting in lieu thereof:

“(1) “Commission” means the Maternal and Child Death Review Commission.”.

FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 340 on line 23 by deleting “Child and Maternal” as it appears therein and inserting in lieu thereof “Maternal and Child”.

FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 340 by striking lines 24 through 30 and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

“(b) The following are members of the Commission: The State Attorney General, ~~the Secretary of the State Department of Health and Social Services~~, the Secretary of the State-Department of Services to Children, Youth and Their Families, the person appointed as the ~~child advocate~~ Child Advocate pursuant to § 9003A of Title 29, ~~the Chair of the Child Protection Accountability Commission~~, the State-Secretary of Education, the State Division of Forensic Sciences’ Chief Medical Examiner, the Director of the Division of Public Health, ~~the Chief Judge of the Family Court~~, the Director of the Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance, the Director of the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, and the Superintendent of the Delaware State Police, or the designee of any of the preceding persons. Additionally, the following shall be appointed by the Governor as members of the Commission:”.

FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 340 by deleting line 34 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“(3) ~~A representative of the National Association of Social Workers.~~ licensed mental health professional.”.

FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 340 by deleting lines 37 through 41 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“(6) ~~Two child advocates~~ One maternal and one child advocate from statewide non-profit organizations.

(7) An individual who is a certified midwife or certified professional midwife.”.

FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 340 by deleting lines 59 through 61 in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“(3) The Commission shall meet at least annually with the Delaware Perinatal Quality Collaborative at one of its two public meetings to jointly discuss any findings and recommendations released to the public from reviews conducted under § 323 of this title and this meeting is open to the public.”.

FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 340 by deleting lines 99 through 102 in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“(2) The Commission shall publicly post its findings and recommendations and invite and accept written public comment. The Commission shall hold a statewide meeting to present findings and recommendations and accept public comment.”.

FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 340 on line 103 by deleting “(2)” and inserting in lieu thereof “(3)”.

FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 340 on line 103 by deleting “data disaggregated” and substituting in lieu thereof “aggregated data”.

FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 340 on line 106 by deleting “(3)” and inserting in lieu thereof “(4)”.

FURTHER AMEND House Bill No. 340 by inserting on line 115 the following:

“(d) The Commission is a “public health authority” and a “health oversight agency,” and shall be recognized as such in the performance of its functions.

SYNOPSIS

This amendment does all of the following:

Renames the Child Death Review Commission the “Maternal and Child Death Review Commission.”

Adds the Director of the Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance and the Director of DSAMH to the Commission and removes the Secretary of DHSS, the Chair of the Child Protection Accountability Commission, and the Chief Judge of the Family Court from the Commission membership.

Replaces the requirement for a member from the “National Association of Social Workers” with a member who is a “licensed mental health professional.”

Removes the addition to the Commission under the original bill of a doula member, requires a maternal advocate member from a statewide non-profit rather than one from a “community organization that focuses on women’s health, teen pregnancy, or public health,” and changes the current statutory language that requires two child advocates from statewide organization to one such advocate member.

Revises the requirement for an annual meeting with the Delaware Perinatal Quality Collaborative.

Requires public posting and acceptance of comment on the Commission’s findings and recommendations, rather than its draft findings and recommendations.

Requires 1 statewide meeting to accept comment on findings and recommendations rather than 1 per county.

Specifies that the Commission is a public health authority and a health oversight agency

Makes technical corrections.