

SB 5835-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires the state health care authority to: (1) Require that health care facilities that provide newborn delivery services to medical assistance clients establish certain policies and procedures regarding placement of a newborn on the mother's chest and room-in practices where the newborn and mother share the same room;

(2) Provide guidelines for hospitals to use when establishing the policies and procedures;

(3) Require managed care organizations to report on the frequency in which they are able to adhere to the policies and procedures; and

(4) Include advanced registered nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives when establishing certain performance measures.

Requires the department of labor and industries to provide online education materials explaining the respective rights and responsibilities of employers and employees who have a health condition related to pregnancy or childbirth.

Requires the attorney general to investigate complaints and provide enforcement.

Creates the healthy pregnancy advisory committee to: (1) Develop a strategy for improving maternal and infant health outcomes; and

(2) Conduct its activities in consultation with the maternal mortality review panel.

Provides a July 1, 2019, expiration date for the healthy pregnancy advisory committee.