

13-1002.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:

(1) MATERNAL DEATHS ARE A SERIOUS PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN AND HAVE A TREMENDOUS FAMILY AND SOCIETAL IMPACT;

(2) MATERNAL DEATHS ARE SIGNIFICANTLY UNDERESTIMATED AND INADEQUATELY DOCUMENTED, PREVENTING EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY AND REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE CAUSES OF DEATH;

(3) NO PROCESSES EXIST IN THE STATE FOR THE CONFIDENTIAL IDENTIFICATION, INVESTIGATION, OR DISSEMINATION OF FINDINGS REGARDING MATERNAL DEATHS; AND

(4) THERE IS A NEED TO ESTABLISH A MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW PROGRAM TO REVIEW MATERNAL DEATHS AND TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES FOR THE PREVENTION OF MATERNAL DEATHS.

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THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH A MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW PROGRAM TO REVIEW MATERNAL DEATHS AND TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES FOR THE PREVENTION OF MATERNAL DEATHS.

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(A) THE SECRETARY MAY CONTRACT WITH THE FACULTY TO ADMINISTER THE MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW PROGRAM.

(B) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH COMMITTEE OF A FACULTY, THE SECRETARY SHALL DEVELOP A SYSTEM TO:

(1) IDENTIFY MATERNAL DEATH CASES;

(2) REVIEW MEDICAL RECORDS AND OTHER RELEVANT DATA;

(3) CONTACT FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHER AFFECTED OR INVOLVED PERSONS TO COLLECT ADDITIONAL RELEVANT DATA;

(4) CONSULT WITH RELEVANT EXPERTS TO EVALUATE THE RECORDS AND DATA COLLECTED;

(5) MAKE DETERMINATIONS REGARDING THE PREVENTABILITY OF MATERNAL DEATHS;

(6) DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF MATERNAL DEATHS; AND

(7) DISSEMINATE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO POLICY MAKERS, HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.