

HB 664 -- HEALTHY MOTHERS INITIATIVE

SPONSOR: Unsicker

This bill establishes the "Healthy Mothers Initiative" to improve data collection and reporting with respect to maternal mortality and to develop and support populations at risk of death and severe complications from pregnancy by creating a board with multidisciplinary and diverse members appointed by the Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services. The membership shall represent a variety of clinical specialties, public health officials and other maternal care stakeholders. The board shall submit an annual report to the director of the department, the Governor, and the General Assembly on maternal mortality and other research and may also conduct, or fund research and prevention activities that address healthy pregnancies. The bill permits the Department of Health and Senior Services to seek external funding for these initiatives and cooperate with other entities to accomplish the goals of the initiative.

This bill is similar to HB 2303 (2018).