

1 AN ACT relating to the Perinatal Advisory Committee.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 211.672 TO 211.678 IS CREATED
4 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) (a) The secretary shall appoint the Perinatal Advisory Committee to make*
6 *recommendations for the improvement of the following statewide health*
7 *status indicators that relate to pregnancy and perinatal care:*

8 *1. Infant mortality;*

9 *2. Preterm birth;*

10 *3. Substance abuse during pregnancy;*

11 *4. Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS);*

12 *5. Maternal mortality; and*

13 *6. Maternal and postpartum depression.*

14 *(b) The advisory committee shall make recommendations on evidence-based*
15 *guidelines and programs to improve the outcomes of pregnancies, including*
16 *ways to improve coordination of existing programs operated by the cabinet*
17 *and private organizations.*

18 *(2) The advisory committee shall be attached to the cabinet for administrative*
19 *purposes and be composed of the following members:*

20 *(a) The director of the Division of Maternal and Child Health, Department for*
21 *Public Health, who shall serve as chair of the advisory committee;*

22 *(b) The director of the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, University of*
23 *Kentucky College of Medicine;*

24 *(c) The director of the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, University of*
25 *Louisville School of Medicine;*

26 *(d) The director of a maternal-fetal medicine program from a pediatric*
27 *teaching hospital with a Level III neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) that*

- 1 *has a minimum of thirty (30) beds, to be selected by the secretary;*
- 2 *(e) The director of the Division of Neonatology, University of Kentucky College*
- 3 *of Medicine;*
- 4 *(f) The director of the Division of Neonatology, University of Louisville School*
- 5 *of Medicine;*
- 6 *(g) One (1) practicing obstetrician from rural practice in a hospital with a Level*
- 7 *I nursery, to be selected by the secretary;*
- 8 *(h) One (1) practicing obstetrician from rural practice in a hospital with a Level*
- 9 *II NICU, to be selected by the secretary;*
- 10 *(i) One (1) practicing pediatrician from rural practice in a hospital with a*
- 11 *Level I nursery, to be selected by the secretary;*
- 12 *(j) One (1) practicing pediatrician or one (1) practicing neonatologist from*
- 13 *rural practice in a hospital with a Level II NICU, to be selected by the*
- 14 *secretary;*
- 15 *(k) One (1) practicing pediatrician or one (1) practicing neonatologist from a*
- 16 *non-university urban practice hospital with a Level II NICU, to be selected*
- 17 *by the secretary;*
- 18 *(l) One (1) practicing pediatrician or one (1) practicing neonatologist from a*
- 19 *pediatric teaching hospital with a Level III NICU that has a minimum of*
- 20 *thirty (30) beds, to be selected by the secretary;*
- 21 *(m) The president of the Kentucky Perinatal Association or designee;*
- 22 *(n) The president of the Kentucky Academy of Family Physicians or designee;*
- 23 *(o) The president of the Kentucky Chapter of the American Academy of*
- 24 *Pediatrics or designee;*
- 25 *(p) The president of the Kentucky Section of the American College of*
- 26 *Obstetricians and Gynecologists or designee;*
- 27 *(q) The president of the Kentucky Chapter of the Association of Women's*

- 1 Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses or designee;
2 (r) The chair of the Kentucky Medical Association's Committee on Maternal
3 and Neonatal Health or designee;
4 (s) The chair of the Kentucky Medical Association's Committee on Maternal
5 Mortality or designee;
6 (t) One (1) board-certified pediatric surgeon, to be selected by the secretary;
7 (u) One (1) board-certified pediatrician specializing in medical genetics, to be
8 selected by the secretary;
9 (v) One (1) perinatal social worker, to be selected by the secretary; and
10 (w) One (1) representative from a non-university hospital with a Level II or a
11 Level III NICU, selected by the secretary.
12 (3) Other subject matter experts may be represented as members of the advisory
13 committee at the discretion of the secretary.
14 (4) The advisory committee shall meet at least quarterly and shall hold its first
15 meeting no later than thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Act.
16 (5) The advisory committee shall submit an annual report of its activities and
17 recommendations by December 1 of each year to the secretary, the commissioner,
18 and the Interim Joint Committee on Health, Welfare, and Family Services.