

1 AN ACT relating to child and maternal fatalities.

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

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 211.684 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) ***As used in KRS 211.680 to 211.686***~~[For the purposes of KRS Chapter 211]:~~

5 (a) "Child fatality" means the death of a person under the age of eighteen (18)
6 years;

7 (b) "Local child and maternal fatality response team" and "local team" means a
8 community team composed of representatives of agencies, offices, and
9 institutions that investigate child and maternal ***fatalities***~~[deaths]~~, including but
10 not limited to~~[,]~~ coroners, social service workers, medical professionals, law
11 enforcement officials, and Commonwealth's and county attorneys; and

12 (c) "Maternal fatality" means the death of a woman within one (1) year of giving
13 birth.

14 (2) The Department for Public Health ***shall***~~[may]~~ establish a state child and maternal
15 fatality review team. The state team may include representatives of public health,
16 social services, law enforcement, prosecution, coroners, health-care providers, and
17 other agencies or professions deemed appropriate by the commissioner of the
18 department.

19 (3) ~~[If a state team is created,]~~The duties of the state team may include the following:

20 (a) Develop and distribute a model protocol for local~~[child and maternal fatality~~
21 ~~response]~~ teams for the investigation of child and maternal fatalities;

22 (b) Facilitate the development of local~~[child and maternal fatality response]~~
23 teams which may include~~[,]~~ but is not limited to~~[,]~~ providing joint training
24 opportunities and, upon request, providing technical assistance;

25 (c) Review and approve local protocols prepared and submitted by local teams;

26 (d) Receive data and information on child and maternal fatalities and analyze the
27 information to identify trends, patterns, and risk factors;

1 (e) Evaluate the effectiveness of prevention and intervention strategies adopted;
2 and

3 (f) Recommend changes in state programs, legislation, administrative
4 regulations, policies, budgets, and treatment and service standards which may
5 facilitate strategies for prevention and reduce the number of child and
6 maternal fatalities.

7 (4) **The state child and maternal fatality team established pursuant to subsection (2)**
8 **of this section shall review and analyze all child fatalities or near fatalities in the**
9 **Commonwealth each year that involve a person under the age of eighteen (18)**
10 **years who had a gunshot wound. The results of this review and analysis shall be**
11 **a part of the annual report required by subsection (5) of this section.**

12 **(5)** The department shall prepare an annual report to be submitted no later than
13 November 1 of each year to the Governor, the Interim Joint Committee on Families
14 and Children, the Chief Justice of the **Commonwealth**~~[Kentucky Supreme Court]~~,
15 and to be made available to the citizens of the Commonwealth. The report shall
16 include a statistical analysis, that includes the demographics of race, income, and
17 geography, of the incidence and causes of child and maternal fatalities in the
18 Commonwealth during the past fiscal year and recommendations for action. The
19 report shall not include any information which would identify specific child and
20 maternal fatality cases.