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A BILL to direct the Department of Health to convene a work group related to expansion of the perinatal health hub model.

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. That the Department of Health, in collaboration with the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative, the Virginia Maternal Quality Care Alliance, and Urban Baby Beginnings, shall convene a work group to evaluate strategies to reduce maternal and infant mortality rates and make recommendations to enhance maternal health and public health support systems through expansion of the perinatal health hub model. The work group shall receive guidance from the Virginia Health Care Foundation and shall include representatives from the Department of Medical Assistance Services, managed care organizations, and the Maternal Mortality Review Team, along with licensed and unlicensed providers of maternal and child health services, community health care workers, stakeholder groups, faith-based organizations, and community-based organizations. The work group shall (i) analyze federal and state regulations and funding mechanisms impacting establishment of perinatal health hubs; (ii) review evidence-based strategies for the implementation of perinatal health hubs and the community impact of existing perinatal health hubs; (iii) analyze and make recommendations on appropriate services and rates to be included in a Medicaid community health worker benefit; and (iv) project estimated costs of implementing the work group's recommendations for the next five years. The Department of Health shall report on the results and recommendations of the work group to the Chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations by December 1, 2023.