

- SUBJECT:** Requiring patient records on maternal death be filed within 30 days
- COMMITTEE:** Public Health — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — S. Thompson, Frank, Guerra, Lucio, Ortega, Price, Sheffield, Zedler
- 0 nays
- 3 absent — Wray, Allison, Coleman
- SENATE VOTE:** On final passage, March 27 — 31-0
- WITNESSES:** *On House companion bill, HB 1255:*
For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Deneen Robinson, The Afiya Center; Mignon McGarry, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists-Texas District; Anne Dunkelberg, Center for Public Policy Priorities; Nora Del Bosque, March of Dimes; Jennifer Biundo, Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy; Adriana Kohler, Texans Care for Children; Carisa Lopez, Texas Freedom Network; Sara Gonzalez, Texas Hospital Association; Michelle Romero, Texas Medical Association; Evelyn Delgado, Texas Women's Healthcare Coalition; Lee Nichols, TexProtects; and 11 individuals)
- Against — None
- On — June Hanke, Harris Health System (*Registered, but did not testify:* Manda Hall, Department of State Health Services)
- DIGEST:** SB 559 would require a hospital, birthing center, or other custodian of a patient's records, no later than 30 days after receiving a request from the Department of State Health Services for records regarding a pregnancy-related death for a specific patient, to submit those records to the department. Requests would be limited to patients' medical records.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

