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SUMMARY

- Requires all freestanding birthing centers to have written transfer plans.
- Requires freestanding birthing centers to have a written transfer agreement with a hospital only if the center is not accredited by the Commission for the Accreditation of Birth Centers.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Freestanding birthing center transfers

S.B. 140 requires all freestanding birthing centers to have a written plan for the transfer of a mother or newborn to a hospital in the event of medical complications, emergency situations, or as otherwise needed. A freestanding birthing center is a facility other than a hospital, or a part of a facility, that provides care during pregnancy, delivery, and the immediate postpartum period to low-risk expectant mothers.¹

Under the bill, freestanding birthing centers that are not accredited by the Commission for the Accreditation of Birth Centers are required to have a written transfer agreement with a local hospital. A freestanding birthing center that is accredited by the Commission does not need to have a written transfer agreement.²

¹ R.C. 3702.35(A) and (B).

² R.C. 3702.35(C) and (D).

HISTORY

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