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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the submission and posting of certain hospital
2 policies.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **135B.36 Hospital policies —**
2 **submission to department — posting.**

3 1. A hospital licensed under this chapter shall no later than
4 September 1, 2025, submit to the department its policies related
5 to all of the following:

6 a. Nondiscrimination.

7 b. Reproductive health care. For purposes of this section,
8 "*reproductive health care*" means neonatal care, family planning,
9 long-acting reversible contraception, permanent contraception
10 including tubal ligations and vasectomies, abortion, miscarriage
11 care, maternal hemorrhage care, and vaginal delivery after a
12 previous cesarean section birth.

13 c. If the hospital provides labor and delivery services,
14 whether the hospital has adopted and implemented current
15 best practices or safety bundles recommended by the American
16 college of obstetricians and gynecologists and the alliance for
17 innovation on maternal health, including but not limited to
18 action measures for obstetrical hemorrhage, severe hypertension
19 or preeclampsia, prevention of venous thromboembolism, reduction
20 of low-risk primary cesarean births and support for intended
21 vaginal births, reduction of peripartum racial disparities, and
22 postpartum care access and standards.

23 2. The department shall post a copy of the policies submitted
24 under subsection 1 on the department's internet site and shall
25 develop and implement an interactive online tool that allows the
26 public to compare posted policies.

27 3. If a hospital alters a policy specified under subsection
28 1, the hospital shall submit a copy of the altered policy to
29 the department within thirty calendar days after the hospital
30 approves the alteration.

31 4. A hospital shall post a copy of its most recent policies
32 submitted under the section on the hospital's internet site
33 where the policies are readily accessible to the public, without
34 requiring a login credential or otherwise restricting access.

35 Sec. 2. CODE EDITOR DIRECTIVE. The Code editor shall

1 designate section 135B.36, as enacted in this Act, as a new
2 subchapter within chapter 135B, entitled "patient's right to know
3 Act".

4 EXPLANATION

5 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
6 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

7 This bill relates to the submission and posting of certain
8 hospital policies.

9 The bill requires a licensed hospital, no later than September
10 1, 2025, to submit its policies related to nondiscrimination
11 and reproductive health care to the department of inspections,
12 appeals, and licensing (DIAL). If the hospital provides labor and
13 delivery services, it must also submit its policies related to
14 certain best practices and safety bundles, as described in the
15 bill. The bill defines "reproductive health care".

16 The bill requires DIAL to post a copy of the policies on
17 DIAL's internet site and to develop and implement an interactive
18 online tool that allows the public to compare the policies.

19 If a hospital makes a change to a policy, the hospital must
20 submit a copy of the policy to DIAL within 30 calendar days after
21 the hospital approves the alteration.

22 The bill requires a hospital to post a copy of its policies
23 on the hospital's internet site where the policies are readily
24 accessible to the public without requiring a login credential or
25 otherwise restricting access.