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Overview

This bill directs the commissioner of health to study and make recommendations on establishing a regulatory system for birth centers.

Section

- 1 **Birth center study.** Requires the commissioner of health to study and make recommendations to the legislature, by January 15, 2002, on the establishment of a regulatory system for birth centers. Requires the commissioner to study existing regulatory systems in other states and countries, and to study health outcomes from birth centers as compared with hospitals. Specifies what the recommendations must include. Allows the commissioner to convene an advisory group of interested parties.