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obstetric services; rural communities; recommendations

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# SENATE BILL 1238

AN ACT

REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS  
REGARDING SPECIFIC HEALTH SERVICES IN RURAL COMMUNITIES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Department of health services; obstetric and  
3 gynecology services; rural communities;  
4 recommendations; report; delayed repeal

5 A. The department of health services shall convene stakeholders and  
6 staff to develop recommendations to improve the ability of obstetrics and  
7 gynecology services in low-volume, high-risk rural communities in this  
8 state. On or before December 31, 2025, the department shall report the  
9 recommendations to the governor, the president of the senate and the  
10 speaker of the house of representatives and shall provide a copy of the  
11 report to the secretary of state.

12 B. This section is repealed from and after June 30, 2026.