

# **WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §16-40-3**

## **§16-40-3. Purposes of system.**

The birth defects information system may be used for all of the following purposes:

- (1) To identify and describe congenital anomalies, stillbirths and abnormal conditions of newborns;
- (2) To detect trends and epidemics in congenital anomalies, stillbirths and abnormal conditions of newborns;
- (3) To quantify morbidity and mortality of congenital anomalies and abnormal conditions of newborns;
- (4) To stimulate epidemiological research regarding congenital anomalies, stillbirths and abnormal conditions of newborns;
- (5) To identify risk factors for congenital anomalies, stillbirths and abnormal conditions of newborns;
- (6) To facilitate intervention in and prevention of congenital anomalies, stillbirths and abnormal conditions of newborns;
- (7) To facilitate access to treatment for congenital anomalies and abnormal conditions of newborns;
- (8) To inform and educate the public about congenital anomalies, stillbirths and abnormal conditions of newborns.