

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Health and Welfare to which was referred Senate Bill  
3 No. 109 entitled “An act relating to Medicaid coverage for doula services”  
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the  
5 bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in  
6 lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. 33 V.S.A. § 1901m is added to read:

8 § 1901m. MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR DOULA SERVICES

9 (a) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall provide  
10 reimbursement to a qualified doula for providing childbirth education and  
11 support services, including physical and emotional support, to an individual  
12 covered by Medicaid during pregnancy, labor and delivery, and the postpartum  
13 period.

14 (b) As used in this section, “qualified doula” means a doula who is  
15 registered with or certified or licensed by the Office of Professional  
16 Regulation.

17 Sec. 2. OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION; DOULAS; SUNRISE  
18 REVIEW

19 (a) The Office of Professional Regulation, in consultation with interested  
20 stakeholders, shall undertake a review of doulas in accordance with 26 V.S.A.  
21 chapter 57 to determine the appropriate form of regulation for the profession.

1 For purposes of this review, and in accordance with 26 V.S.A. § 3105(b), the  
2 General Assembly finds that it is necessary for the State to regulate doulas.

3 (b) On or before January 8, 2025, the Office of Professional Regulation  
4 shall report the results of the review required by subsection (a) of this section  
5 to the House Committees on Health Care and on Government Operations and  
6 Military Affairs and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on  
7 Government Operations, including a recommendation regarding whether  
8 doulas in Vermont would be regulated most appropriately through a  
9 registration, certification, or licensure process, along with the Office’s  
10 proposals for legislative action to establish that process.

11 Sec. 3. STATE PLAN AMENDMENT

12 The Department of Vermont Health Access shall seek a state plan  
13 amendment from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services if needed to  
14 allow Vermont’s Medicaid program to provide coverage for doula services in  
15 accordance with Sec. 1 of this act.

16 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATES

17 (a) Sec. 1 shall take effect on July 1, 2025 or upon approval of a state plan  
18 amendment, whichever is later.

19 (b) The remaining sections shall take effect on passage.

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(Committee vote: \_\_\_\_\_)

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

FOR THE COMMITTEE