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2	Senator moves that the report of the Committee on Health and
3	Welfare be amended as follows:
4	First: By striking out Sec. 5, Green Mountain Care Board; needs
5	assessment; Health Resource Allocation Plan; report, in its entirety and
6	inserting in lieu thereof the following:
7	Sec. 5. GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD; NEEDS ASSESSMENT;
8	HEALTH RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN; REPORT
9	(a) In connection with its responsibility for developing and maintaining the
10	State's Health Resource Allocation Plan pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9405, the
11	Green Mountain Care Board, in consultation with the Department of Health's
12	Maternal and Child Health Division, the Blueprint for Health's Women's
13	Health Initiative, the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems,
14	and the American College of Nurse-Midwives-Vermont Affiliate, shall
15	conduct an assessment of the need in this State for the obstetric and midwifery
16	services offered by freestanding birth centers. The assessment shall include
17	evaluating the need for the services in particular regions of the State and for
18	certain populations of Vermont residents.
19	(b) On or before April 1, 2023, the Board shall provide to the House
20	Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare:

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1	(1) its findings and recommendations regarding the need for the services
2	of freestanding birth centers in Vermont;
3	(2) the specific region or regions of the State, if any, in which the Board
4	found a need for the services of a freestanding birth center;
5	(3) the specific population or populations of Vermont residents, if any,
6	for which the Board found a need for the services of a birth center; and
7	(4) the Board's recommendation regarding whether persons seeking to
8	establish a birth center should be required to obtain a certificate of need
9	pursuant to 18 V.S.A. chapter 221, subchapter 5.
10	Second: By adding a new section to be Sec. 5a to read as follows:
11	Sec. 5a. BIRTH CENTERS; EXCEPTION TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED
12	REQUIREMENT WHERE NEED IDENTIFIED
13	Notwithstanding the provisions of 18 V.S.A. § 9434(a), as amended by
14	Sec. 4 of this act, a person seeking to establish a birth center on or before
15	July 1, 2026 shall not be required to obtain a certificate of need pursuant to
16	18 V.S.A. chapter 221, subchapter 5 if the birth center is proposed to be
17	located in a region of the State or to serve a population of Vermont residents,
18	or both, for which the Green Mountain Care Board identified a need for the

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1	services of a birth center in the needs assessment report submitted by the Board
2	pursuant to Sec. 5 of this act.
3	Third: In Sec. 7, effective date, by striking out subsection (b) in its entirety
4	and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
5	(b) Secs. 3 and 4 (18 V.S.A. §§ 9432 and 9434) and 5a (birth centers;
6	exception to certificate of need requirement where need identified) shall take

7 <u>effect on July 1, 2023.</u>