

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

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

7 Sec. 1. OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION; DOULAS; SUNRISE  
8 REVIEW

9 (a) The Office of Professional Regulation, in consultation with interested  
10 stakeholders, shall undertake a review of doulas in accordance with 26 V.S.A.  
11 chapter 57 to determine the appropriate form of regulation for the profession.  
12 For purposes of this review, and in accordance with 26 V.S.A. § 3105(b), the  
13 General Assembly finds that it is necessary for the State to regulate doulas.

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

1       Sec. 2. MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR DOULA SERVICES; COSTS;  
2               REPORT

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

6               (b) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall develop a proposed  
7               methodology and determine the estimated costs if Vermont Medicaid were to  
8               provide reimbursement to qualified doulas for providing childbirth education  
9               and support services, including physical and emotional support, to individuals  
10              covered by Medicaid during pregnancy, labor and delivery, and the postpartum  
11              period, regardless of the outcome of the pregnancy.

12              (c) In its fiscal year 2026 budget proposal, the Department shall provide:

13              (1) its proposed reimbursement methodology for and estimated costs of  
14              providing Medicaid coverage for doula services;

15              (2) a recommendation for whether doula services should be covered by  
16              Vermont Medicaid;

17              (3) if doula services are covered, ways to recognize the potentially  
18              beneficial impacts of doula coverage on Medicaid spending over time; and

19              (4) information regarding whether a Medicaid state plan amendment  
20              would be necessary in order for Vermont Medicaid to cover doula services.

1       Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

2           This act shall take effect on passage.

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Senator \_\_\_\_\_

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