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AN ACT CONCERNING DOULA CERTIFICATION AND MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR DOULA SERVICES. AMENDMENT

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The amendment strikes the language of the underlying bill and its associated cost to the Department of Social Services. It replaces it with language that authorizes the Department of Public Health (DPH) to certify and regulate doulas, resulting in a General Fund revenue gain of approximately \$10,000 in the first fiscal year and \$2,000 in the second fiscal year from initial certifications (100 in FY 20 and 20 in FY 21). The fee for initial doula certification is \$100 and the triennial renewal fee is \$75. It is anticipated that DPH can accommodate the certification and regulation of doulas with its existing expertise.

The bill also requires the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors to convene a working group to develop recommendations, by 12/1/19, concerning adequate Medicaid reimbursement for doula services and ensuring access to such services for Medicaid beneficiaries. This is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the State or municipalities as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for working group members.

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