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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 163
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Doulas**” and substitute “**Doula Pilot Program**”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through “term;” in line 8 and substitute “establishing the Maryland Medical Assistance Program Doula Pilot Program; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to administer the Pilot Program; providing for the purpose of the Pilot Program; requiring the Department to take certain actions in administering the Pilot Program; requiring the Department to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before certain dates; defining certain terms; providing for the termination of this Act;”; in line 9, strike “and doulas” and substitute “Doula Pilot Program”; strike in their entirety lines 10 through 19, inclusive; and in line 22, strike “15-103(a)(2)(xvii)” and substitute “15-141.3”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 2 on page 2 through line 22 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“15-141.3.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “PARTICIPATING DOULA” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

(i) HAS RECEIVED A CERTIFICATION TO PERFORM DOULA SERVICES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, THE DOULAS OF NORTH AMERICA, THE ASSOCIATION OF LABOR ASSISTANTS

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AND CHILDBIRTH EDUCATORS, OR THE CHILDBIRTH AND POSTPARTUM PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION; AND

(II) IS AUTHORIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO PROGRAM RECIPIENTS.

(3) “PILOT PROGRAM” MEANS THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM DOULA PILOT PROGRAM.

(B) FROM JUNE 1, 2022, TO MAY 31, 2025, BOTH INCLUSIVE, THERE IS A MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM DOULA PILOT PROGRAM WITHIN THE PROGRAM.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE PILOT PROGRAM.

(D) THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE DOULA SERVICES TO PROGRAM RECIPIENTS IN BALTIMORE CITY, CHARLES COUNTY, AND PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY WHO ARE PREGNANT OR POSTPARTUM.

(E) IN ADMINISTERING THE PILOT PROGRAM AND AS PERMITTED BY FEDERAL LAW, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) PROVIDE, AT A MINIMUM, THE FOLLOWING:

(I) REIMBURSEMENT TO PARTICIPATING DOULAS FOR UP TO FOUR PRENATAL VISITS FOR EACH PROGRAM RECIPIENT;

(II) SUPPORT FOR A PROGRAM RECIPIENT FROM A PARTICIPATING DOULA DURING LABOR AND DELIVERY; AND

(III) REIMBURSEMENT TO PARTICIPATING DOULAS FOR UP TO FOUR POSTPARTUM VISITS FOR EACH PROGRAM RECIPIENT;

(2) ENSURE THAT DOULAS PROVIDING CARE UNDER THE PILOT PROGRAM ARE PARTICIPATING DOULAS;

(3) REVIEW PARTICIPATION IN THE PILOT PROGRAM OF PARTICIPATING DOULAS AND PROGRAM RECIPIENTS;

(4) EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM BY:

(I) DETERMINING BREASTFEEDING RATES AMONG PROGRAM RECIPIENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT PROGRAM;

(II) COLLECTING INFORMATION ON PROGRAM RECIPIENTS' POSTPARTUM VISITS TO PARTICIPATING DOULAS THROUGH THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND

(III) ADMINISTERING SURVEYS TO COLLECT FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPATING DOULAS AND PROGRAM RECIPIENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND

(5) ANALYZE APPROPRIATE CRITERIA TO DETERMINE IF THE STATE SHOULD EXPAND THE PILOT PROGRAM.

(F) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1, 2023, 2024, AND 2025, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM.”.

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On page 3, in line 24, after “2021.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of September 30, 2026, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.