



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Robert R. Neall, Secretary

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The Honorable Delores G. Kelley, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: Senate Bill 914 – Doulas – Doula Technical Assistance Advisory Group and Certification – Letter of Information

Dear Chair Pendergrass:

The Maryland Department of Health (Department) respectfully submits this letter of Information for Senate Bill 914 (SB914) – Doulas – Doula Technical Assistance Advisory Group and Certification. SB914 establishes the Doula Technical Assistance Advisory Group (Advisory Group) and requires the Department to adopt regulations establishing a voluntary doula certification program, and contingent on Advisory Group recommending in its final report, that the Department establish a voluntary doula certification program.

While taking into consideration the recommendations of the Advisory Group, it is important that the Department ensure that regulations are developed in accordance with Departmental standards and processes. Therefore, the Department offers the attached amendments.

I hope this information is useful. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Director of Governmental Affairs Webster Ye at (410) 260-3190 or webster.ye@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Neall
Secretary

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE 914
(First Reader Bill File)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 5, strike lines 15 through 18, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, line 19, strike “4” of Section 4 and substitute with “3”

On page 5, line 20, strike “s” in Sections and strike “and 3”

On page 5, line 26, strike “s” in Sections and strike “and 3”

On page 5, line 28, strike “5” of Section 5 and substitute “4”

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