

**FIRST ENGROSSMENT**

**ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1464**

Introduced by

Representatives Dobervich, K. Anderson, Brown, Finley-DeVille, Hager, Hanson, Rohr,  
Steiner

Senators Hogan, Mathern

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 23-12 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to postpartum doula certification; and to provide for a legislative  
3 management report.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 23-12 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
6 and enacted as follows:

7 **Postpartum doula certification.**

8 1. As used in this section:

9 a. "Certified doula" means an individual who has received a certification to perform  
10 doula services from the doulas of North America or an organization designated  
11 by the department.

12 b. "Department" means the department of health and human services.

13 c. "Doula services" means education and support services for a parent and child,  
14 including continuous emotional and physical support during the postpartum  
15 period, including up to six months after the birth of the child.

16 2. The department may:

17 a. Designate additional doula certification organizations;

18 b. Remove the designation of a doula certification organization; and

19 c. Adopt rules to implement and administer this section.

20 3. The department shall establish criteria for the designation of doula certification

21 organizations and maintain a list of designated organizations on the department's

1 website for purposes of facilitating the availability of certified doulas to provide doula  
2 services under section 2 of this Act.

3 4. The department may not impose a licensing or certification fee in addition to any fees  
4 imposed by a doula certification organization meeting the criteria established by the  
5 department.

6 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT REPORT - POSTPARTUM DOULA**

7 **CERTIFICATION.** During the 2025-26 interim, the department of health and human services  
8 shall provide a report to the legislative management regarding postpartum doula certification,  
9 including the status of implementing and administering the responsibilities relating to  
10 postpartum doula certification under section 1 of this Act and the impact of certified doula  
11 services.