

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.