

Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB687

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Aird

3. **Committee:** Committee Referral Pending

4. **Title:** Doulas; certification; registry.

5. **Summary:** Directs the Department of Health to adopt regulations governing the certification and practice of doulas and to develop and make available on its website a registry of certified doulas.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, item 301.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary, see item 8.

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2021	\$205,032	01000
2022	\$66,007	01000
2023	\$66,007	01000
2024	\$66,007	01000
2025	\$66,007	01000
2026	\$66,007	01000

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The bill provides the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) shall develop and regularly update a registry of certified doulas, which shall be made available to the public on a website maintained by the Department. In order to maintain and regularly update these records VDH would need to develop a system to house the data and supporting staff.

The Office of Family Health Services has no prior experience with certifying individuals and therefore does not have a certification system or registry for doulas. VDH would require one-time costs to develop the system. The Office of Emergency Medical Services has a similar certification system for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and based on the costs of existing hardware and infrastructure, the cost to develop a similar system for a doula registry would be \$139,025. This amount also includes costs for the printing of certifications, online access for OFHS staff, and other programming needs. VDH would align this certification program with the current EMS certification system so that ongoing maintenance costs for the

doula registry would be absorbed within existing resources for the EMS system. VDH would also require one wage position at \$66,007 per year to oversee the doula registry.

The Department of Medical Assistance Services has stated there is no fiscal impact to the Medicaid program.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Virginia Department of Health.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.