

## Department of Planning and Budget 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB 826

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

**2. Patron:** Foy

**3. Committee:** -

**4. Title:** State plan for medical assistance; perinatal birth workers, report

**5. Summary:** The substitute bill directs the Department of Medical Assistance Services to convene a work group to (i) evaluate the potential costs and benefits, including potential reductions in maternal and infant mortality rates, of amending the state plan for medical assistance services to include a provision for the payment of medical assistance for antepartum, intrapartum, or postpartum services provided to a pregnant person or to a person who is up to one year postpartum for labor and delivery support by a certified doula and at least four visits during the antenatal period and at least seven visits during the postpartum period with a certified doula and (ii) develop recommendations related to an appropriate reimbursement rate for such services provided by certified doulas. The work group shall report its findings and recommendations by December 1, 2020.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

**7. Minimal Fiscal Impact**

**8. Fiscal Implications:** It is expected that the Department of Medical Assistance Services can meet the requirements of this bill within existing appropriation.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:**

Department of Medical Assistance Services

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** The Governor's proposed budget directs the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to convene a workgroup to review and make recommendations, by June 30, 2020, regarding the state regulation of doulas and establishing a community doula benefit for pregnant women enrolled in Medicaid.