



January 28, 2023

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Enacts the *Maternal and Infant Mortality Prevention Act*. Creates the Doula Services Advisory Committee to advise the Department of Health (DOH) on issues relating to the provision of doula services and to establish reimbursement rates and fee schedules for the Division of TennCare doula services.

Requires the DOH to provide administrative support to the advisory committee. Requires the DOH to publish a report of the advisory committee's findings and recommendations on its website no later than 18 months following the date of the committee's first meeting.

Establishes the advisory committee is to consist of 11 members, who serve without compensation. Entitles members to travel and other appropriate expenses while engaged in committee business.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

### **Increase State Expenditures – \$5,800/FY23-24 and Subsequent Years**

#### Assumptions:

- The DOH will provide administrative support to the advisory committee utilizing existing resources.
- Any expenditures associated with compiling and submitting the required report will not be significant.
- The advisory committee will consist of two executive branch agency representatives and nine non-government members, for a total of 11 members.
- The advisory committee will meet quarterly and members are required to attend at least two of four yearly meetings. It is assumed that all advisory committee members will attend all quarterly meetings.
- The nine non-government members will not receive compensation for service, but will be reimbursed for any travel expenses incurred for attending meetings. The two executive branch agency representatives will attend advisory committee meetings in the course of their regular business.
- The average mileage reimbursement for each meeting is estimated to be \$160 (\$0.63 per mile x 254 miles).
- The recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$5,760 (\$160 x 4 meetings x 9 members) in FY23-24 and subsequent years.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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