

SENATE BILL 650

By Robinson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;  
Title 8; Title 56 and Title 71, relative to doulas.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-107(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(27) Doula services performed by a person who has received a certification to perform doula services from the International Childbirth Education Association, the Doulas of North America (DONA), the Association of Labor Assistants and Childbirth Educators (ALACE), Birthworks International, the Childbirth and Postpartum Professional Association (CAPP), Childbirth International, the International Center for Traditional Childbearing, or Commonsense Childbirth, Inc. As used in this subdivision (a)(27), "doula services" means continuous emotional and physical support throughout labor and birth, and intermittently during the prenatal and postpartum periods;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-107(b), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and adding the following as subdivision (2):

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (b)(1), with respect to recipients determined to be "medically needy," doula services as described in subdivision (a)(27) must be provided.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.