

**Department of Planning and Budget
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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB1384 **Patron:** Aird

Bill Title: Childbirth; physiologic postpartum process; doulas.

Bill Summary: Requires health facilities providing services related to labor and childbirth to develop policies to (i) allow a companion or doula to be present during birth in addition to a partner or spouse; (ii) prioritize newborns bonding with their families in order to facilitate the physiologic postpartum process; (iii) prohibit excluding from care any person experiencing physiologic birth or cesarean section, or interrupt the process of physiologic birth or cesarean section without the informed consent of the birthing person; (iv) detail the facility's process related to receiving a pregnant person's patient information; (v) establish a process to transfer and receive pregnant persons across levels of care of licensed facilities within the facility's capacity and capability; and (vi) establish a process to receive individuals who are pregnant, undergoing physiologic birth or cesarean section, or in the physiologic postpartum process from locations other than licensed facilities. The bill also requires health facilities providing services related to labor and childbirth of persons incarcerated in state or local facilities to develop policies to (a) prioritize newborns bonding with their families in order to facilitate the physiologic postpartum process and (b) prohibit excluding from care any person experiencing physiologic birth or cesarean section, or interrupt the process of physiologic birth or cesarean section without the informed consent of the birthing person.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No. **Items Impacted:** None.

Explanation: The provisions of this legislation would not have a fiscal impact on the Virginia Department of Health or the Department of Corrections.

Fiscal Summary: There is no anticipated impact to state resources resulting from this bill.

Fiscal Analysis: The provisions of this legislation would have a minimal fiscal impact to promulgate regulations, which can be handled within existing resources.

Other: None.