Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB1384ER **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.

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.

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.