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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version. It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same.

Previous Version (As Introduced)	Latest Version (I_133_2248-1)
Doula certification organizations	
<p>Specifies that doula certification organizations are entities that are nationally or internationally recognized for training and certifying doulas and whose educational curriculum meets the requirements of the bill (<i>R.C. 5164.071(A)(2)</i>).</p> <p>Specifies various organizations that are considered doula certification organizations (<i>R.C. 5164.071(A)(2)</i>).</p>	<p>Same, but adds that doula certification organizations may also be locally or state recognized (<i>R.C. 5164.071(A)(2)</i>).</p> <p>Modifies the list of doula certification organizations and also adds to the list black-led, community-based public health organizations that have been approved by the Ohio Doula Advisory Board (see below) (<i>R.C. 5164.071(A)(2)</i>).</p>

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Ohio Doula Advisory Board	
No provision.	Establishes in the Department of Medicaid the Ohio Doula Advisory Board, consisting of 13 to 15 members appointed by the Medicaid Director <i>(R.C. 5164.072(A) and (B))</i> .
No provision.	Specifies duties of the Advisory Board, including (1) providing advice and recommendations regarding the Medicaid program's coverage of doula services, (2) verifying and approving organizations as black-led, community-based public health organizations, (3) establishing the state doula registry (see below), and (4) making recommendations regarding rules <i>(R.C. 5164.072(H))</i> .
Doula registry	
Requires the Medicaid Director to establish a state doula registry <i>(R.C. 5164.071(D))</i> .	Instead, requires the Ohio Doula Advisory Board to create the registry <i>(R.C. 5164.072(H)(3))</i> .
Specifies that to be eligible for inclusion on the doula registry, a doula must not have been excluded from participation in the Medicaid program <i>(R.C. 5164.071(D)(3))</i> .	No provision.
Maximum Medicaid payment amounts for doula services	
Specifies that the total amount of all Medicaid payments for doula services for each pregnancy cannot exceed \$1,500 <i>(R.C. 5164.071(B))</i> .	Increases the cap to \$2,500 for each pregnancy <i>(R.C. 5164.071(B))</i> .

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Medicaid payment eligibility	
<p>Requires, as a condition to eligibility for Medicaid payments, a doula to have completed at least 24 hours of in-person classroom instruction and training <i>(R.C. 5164.071(C)(2))</i>.</p> <p>Requires, as a condition to eligibility for Medicaid payments, a doula to have at least one positive reference from a physician or a certified nurse-midwife <i>(R.C. 5164.071(C)(4))</i>.</p>	<p>Increases the hours to 60 <i>(R.C. 5164.071(C)(2))</i>.</p> <p>Instead, requires the reference to be from a licensed health professional practicing in public health or a community-based public health organization <i>(R.C. 5164.071(C)(4))</i>.</p>
Rulemaking	
<p>Requires the Medicaid Director to adopt rules to implement the bill's provisions <i>(R.C. 5164.071(E))</i>.</p>	<p>Same, but requires the rules to be consistent with the recommendations of the Ohio Doula Advisory Board <i>(R.C. 5164.071(D))</i>.</p>