

HB 514 2025 Regular Session Willard

Synopsis of Senate Amendments	
1.	Makes technical changes.

Present law provides for the La. Doula Registry Board (board) within the La. Dept. of Health (LDH). Outlines legislative findings and provides the board's purpose, composition, and duties. Proposed law deletes legislative findings and generally retains present law.

Proposed law grants the board full authority to review and approve applications for doulas seeking registration to receive health insurance reimbursement; notify applicants of approval or denial of registration status; and maintain a statewide registry of doulas approved for health insurance reimbursement in Louisiana.

Proposed law requires the board to consist of nine individuals who serve as doulas from all nine of the geographic regions in the state of La., with two representing an organization providing doula services. Further requires board membership to include one woman with lived experience of birth under doula care appointed by the medical director of the La. Perinatal Quality Collaborative and one representative from Sista Midwife Productions.

Present law requires board members to serve without compensation for a term of up to two years. Further provides the option for reappointment. Proposed law retains present law but authorizes board members to be reimbursed for travel expenses approved by the secretary of LDH in accordance with regulations of the division of administration.

Present law requires LDH to promulgate and adopt rules in accordance with the APA to implement the provisions for the board.

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administrative guidelines align with board policies; provide logistical support in processing applications; and issue notifications of approval or denial of doula registration status.

(Amends R.S. 22:1059.1)