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Overview

This bill would require physicians and midwives who provide prenatal care to provide certain information to their patients related to pain relief methods and medical interventions during labor. Also, this bill would modify current definitions of “certified doula” and “doula services.”

Section

- 1 Pain relief and medical interventions for pregnant patients.** Adds § 145.907. Requires physicians and midwives who provide prenatal care to give patients evidence-based information on pain relief methods, including nonpharmacological methods, and information on common medical interventions, including the use of electronic fetal monitoring and intravenous fluids.
- 2 Certified doula.** Amends § 148.995, subd. 2. Modifies the definition of “certified doula” to include persons certified by the International Center for Traditional Childbearing and other organizations recognized by the commissioner of health.
- 3 Doula services.** Amends § 148.995, subd. 4. Modifies the definition of “doula services.” Clarifies that “doula services” means continuous emotional and physical support during labor and birth and intermittent support during prenatal and postpartum periods.