

**Joint Committee on Financial Services  
Bill Summary**

**Bill No.:** S789

**Title:** An Act relative to insurance coverage for doula services

**Sponsor:** Senator Liz Miranda

**Bill History:** Favorable from JCFS, Favorable from HCF to HWM

**Hearing Date:** 4/29/2025

**Summary:** This bill would ensure that all Massachusetts insurance plans cover doula services without a referral requirement or cost-sharing, including deductibles or copays. It specifies that MassHealth doulas are covered for clients with private insurance at the same or higher rate, and mandates a minimum of 20 hours of prenatal and postpartum support per pregnancy – with additional hours for high-risk patients – as well as continuous labor and delivery support, regardless of pregnancy outcome. Importantly, the bill also creates a Doula Advisory Committee to ensure the success of MassHealth's coverage of doula services, and would give patients the right to have their doulas present during labor and delivery.