SB268

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By Senator Ward

RFD: Judiciary

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SYNOPSIS: This bill would specify that a person sentenced to custody in a city or county jail or to the Department of Corrections would have his or her Medicaid eligibility suspended and not terminated when the person is in custody.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to persons sentenced to custody in a city or county jail or to the Department of Corrections; to further provide for eligibility for Medicaid to be suspended when the person is in custody; and to provide for applications for Medicaid under certain conditions prior to release from custody.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) A person who is sentenced to custody in a city or county jail or to the custody of the Department of Corrections shall have his or her eligibility for Medicaid
suspended, but not terminated, during periods of actual

custody.

  (b) A person who is sentenced to custody in a city
or county jail or to the custody of the Department of
Corrections shall be eligible for temporary reinstatement of
Medicaid eligibility for care received outside of a jail or
correctional facility in a hospital or other health care
facility for more 24 hours.

  (c) A city or county jail or the Department of
Corrections may make efforts to establish eligibility for or
renew Medicaid eligibility for a person prior to his or her
release from a city or county jail or the custody of the
Department of Corrections.

Section 2. This act shall be operative one year
after the effective date of this act.

Section 3. This act shall become effective
immediately following its passage and approval by the
Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.