

1 SB278
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3 By Senator Brewbaker
4 RFD: Education and Youth Affairs
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7 A BILL
8 TO BE ENTITLED
9 AN ACT

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11 Relating to influenza vaccines; to add Section
12 16-1-49 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to require local school
13 systems to provide information on influenza disease and its
14 vaccine to parents and guardians of students whenever other
15 health information is provided.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

17 Section 1. Section 16-1-49 is added to the Code of
18 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

19 §16-1-49.

20 (a) If a local board of education provides
21 information on immunizations, infectious diseases,
22 medications, or other school health issues to parents and
23 guardians of students in grades K through 12, then all of the
24 following information about influenza disease and its vaccine
25 shall be included:

26 (1) A description of causes, symptoms, and means of
27 transmission.

1 (2) A list of sources for additional information.

2 (3) Related recommendations issued by the Advisory
3 Committee on Immunization Practices of the federal Centers for
4 Disease Control and Prevention.

5 (b) The Department of Education, in cooperation with
6 the Department of Public Health, shall develop and make
7 available the information about influenza disease and its
8 vaccine to local school systems as required under subsection
9 (a) in an efficient manner that may include posting the
10 information on its website.

11 (c) A board, board member, or an employee of a local
12 board of education shall be immune from civil liability for
13 acts or omissions in the implementation of this section in
14 accordance with Section 36-1-12.

15 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to
16 establish a standard of care for hospitals or physicians or
17 otherwise modify, amend, or supersede any provision of the
18 Alabama Medical Liability Act of 1987 or the Alabama Medical
19 Liability Act of 1996, or any amendment thereto, or any
20 judicial interpretation thereof. The information developed, or
21 made available, under this section shall not constitute a
22 standard for the practice of medicine.

23 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
24 first day of the third month following its passage and
25 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Senate

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Yeas 30
Nays 0

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Secretary.