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3 HOUSE HEALTH COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SB267, AS ENGROSSED
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would prohibit the issuance of
9 vaccine passports by state and local government
10 entities.

11 This bill would prohibit state and local
12 government entities from requiring an individual to
13 receive an immunization as a condition for
14 receiving a government benefit or service, with
15 exceptions.

16 This bill would prohibit institutions of
17 higher education from requiring students or
18 employees to prove vaccination status in certain
19 circumstances.

20 This bill would prohibit entities or
21 individuals doing business in this state from
22 refusing to provide goods or services to an
23 individual based on the immunization status of that
24 individual.

25 This bill would also provide an exception
26 for certain health care providers.
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1 A BILL
2 TO BE ENTITLED
3 AN ACT
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5 Relating to immunizations; to prohibit the issuance
6 of vaccine passports by government entities; to prohibit
7 government entities from requiring an individual to receive an
8 immunization as a condition for government benefits or
9 services, with exceptions; to prohibit institutions of higher
10 education from requiring students or employees to prove
11 vaccination status in certain circumstances; to prohibit
12 businesses from refusing service to an individual based on
13 that individual's immunization status; and to exclude certain
14 health care providers.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

16 Section 1. (a) A state or local government entity,
17 or any of its officers or agents, may not issue vaccine or
18 immunization passports, vaccine or immunization passes, or any
19 other standardized documentation for the purpose of certifying
20 the immunization status of an individual, or otherwise require
21 the publication or sharing of immunization records or similar
22 health information for an individual, except as otherwise
23 required by Chapter 30 of Title 16, Code of Alabama 1975, or
24 other applicable state law.

25 (b) A state or local government entity or agency, or
26 any of its officers or agents, may not require an individual
27 to receive an immunization or present documentation of an

1 immunization as a condition for receiving any government
2 benefit or service or for entry into a government building,
3 except as otherwise required by Chapter 30 of Title 16, Code
4 of Alabama 1975, or other applicable state law.

5 (c) An institution of higher education may require a
6 student or employee to prove that he or she has received
7 vaccines required by the institution, including as a condition
8 of attendance or employment, unless he or she demonstrates a
9 bona fide medical condition or religious belief that is
10 contrary to vaccination. Students or employees may not be
11 required to receive vaccinations that are only available via
12 an emergency utilization authorization by the federal Food and
13 Drug Administration, unless the student or employee
14 participates in any clinical or educational activities related
15 to entities covered under subsection (e).

16 (d) An entity or individual doing business in this
17 state may not refuse to provide any goods or services, or
18 refuse to allow admission to an individual, based on an
19 individual's immunization status or lack of documentation that
20 an individual has received an immunization.

21 (e) This act shall not apply to physicians,
22 surgeons, dentists, medical institutions, or other health care
23 providers as those terms are defined or otherwise described in
24 Sections 6-5-481 and 6-5-542, or to hospitals as described in
25 Section 22-21-20.

1 Section 2. This act shall become effective
2 immediately following its passage and approval by the
3 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.