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A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to the State Board of Health and the immunization registry; to amend Section 22-11B-2, Code of Alabama 1975, to require health care providers to report immunization data to the registry and to review the registry before a vaccine is administered with certain exceptions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 22-11B-2, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§22-11B-2.

~~"Pursuant~~ (a) Pursuant to and in furtherance of the purposes of this chapter, the State Board of Health ~~is authorized to~~ may create and maintain an immunization registry. The immunization registry is the central collection of ~~data and reports concerning a vaccine dose or doses administered to a person by a provider~~ records on vaccines administered to all ages, including historical records of vaccinations. The nature of the immunization information contained in this registry shall be determined by rule of the State Board of Health and shall be obtained from clinic records, ~~billing data and information,~~ and vital or any other

1 records owned and controlled by the State Board of Health ~~and~~
2 ~~the Alabama Medicaid Agency. Medical insurers and public and~~
3 ~~private providers are authorized and encouraged to provide~~
4 ~~information to the registry. In the absence of a~~
5 bi-directional interface with the registry to send current or
6 retrieve historical records of vaccination administrations,
7 all providers shall review the registry before a vaccine is
8 administered and provide all vaccine data through electronic
9 interface or manual entry in the registry. If the provider is
10 using a bi-directional electronic interface, the provider
11 shall review the historical vaccination information provided
12 through that interface before a vaccine is administered, and
13 the information for any vaccine the provider administers shall
14 be entered into the registry either through the interface or
15 by manual entry into the registry. Annual influenza
16 ~~vaccinations shall be reported to the registry, but a review~~
17 ~~of the registry is not required prior to the administration of~~
18 ~~an influenza vaccine. registry. Notwithstanding any other~~
19 provisions of this chapter, annual influenza vaccinations are
20 exempt from this section if adults are age 19 and over."

21 "(b) Providers shall enter vaccine information into
22 the registry created under subsection (a). The State Board of
23 Health shall disclose vaccine information in accordance with
24 state law and the Health Insurance Portability and
25 Accountability Act.

1 "(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to
2 require the tracking or disclosure of personal identifying
3 information of individuals who have not received vaccinations.

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

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Yeas 73, Nays 27, Abstains 0

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