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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would provide that the Alabama  
9 Department of Public Health shall establish  
10 programs for breast, cervical, and colorectal  
11 cancer awareness.

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13 A BILL  
14 TO BE ENTITLED  
15 AN ACT

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17 To provide that the Alabama Department of Public  
18 Health shall establish programs for breast, cervical, and  
19 colorectal cancer awareness.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

21 Section 1. As used in this act, the following terms  
22 shall have the following meanings:

- 23 (1) BOARD. The State Board of Health.  
24 (2) DEPARTMENT. The Alabama Department of Public  
25 Health.

1           Section 2. The department shall establish programs  
2 for breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer awareness for the  
3 following purposes:

4           (1) Reducing morbidity and mortality from breast,  
5 cervical, and colorectal cancer through prevention, early  
6 detection, and treatment.

7           (2) Making breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer  
8 screening services available to underserved and uninsured  
9 individuals throughout the state, especially those whose  
10 economic circumstances or geographic locations limit access to  
11 screening facilities.

12           (3) Raising public awareness about breast, cervical,  
13 and colorectal cancer.

14           (4) Collecting, classifying, and analyzing relevant  
15 research information and data concerning breast, cervical, and  
16 colorectal cancer.

17           (5) Serving as a resource for information regarding  
18 breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer.

19           Section 3. The services provided pursuant to this  
20 act may be undertaken by private contracts or operated by the  
21 department, or both. The department may also provide referral  
22 services for the benefit of individuals for whom further  
23 examination or treatment is indicated by cancer screenings.

24           Section 4. (a) The department shall distribute  
25 funding allocated to it for providing and administering  
26 services pursuant to this act. The department may seek any

1 federal waiver that may be necessary to maximize funds from  
2 the federal government to implement the purposes of this act.

3 (b) The department may seek any federal waiver that  
4 may be necessary for activities related to the purposes of  
5 this act.

6 Section 5. The board shall establish such rules,  
7 guidelines, policies, and protocols as may be necessary to  
8 implement and administer the provisions of this act.

9 Section 6. The provisions of this act shall be  
10 implemented only to the extent that sufficient funds are made  
11 available for its implementation and administration.

12 Section 7. This act shall become effective January  
13 1, 2011, following its passage and approval by the Governor,  
14 or its otherwise becoming law.