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3 By Senator Dial
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4 ENROLLED, SJR7,

5 URGING THE ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY TO REMOVE OR
6 ALTER ITS PRIOR APPROVAL PROCESS FOR DRUGS AND SERVICES FOR
7 PREMATURE INFANTS.

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9 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama, which currently has
10 one of the highest rates of infant mortality in the country,
11 is looking to improve its infant mortality rate; and

12 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama currently has one of
13 the highest rates of premature births in the country; and

14 WHEREAS, after release from the hospital, an infant
15 born under 37 weeks of gestation often needs certain
16 prescription drugs and services to survive a premature birth;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Medicaid currently requires prior approval
19 to cover certain prescription drugs and services necessary for
20 the health and survival of premature infants; and

21 WHEREAS, the current Medicaid Agency requirement for
22 the prior approval of certain prescription drugs and services
23 for premature infants creates an undue hardship and may delay
24 life-saving medical care; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That this body strongly urges the
3 Alabama Medicaid Agency to remove or alter the administrative
4 prior approval process for premature infants through the first
5 12 months.

6 BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, That a copy of this
7 resolution be provided to Dr. Bob Mullins, Director of the
8 Alabama Medicaid Agency.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
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