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8 URGING THE ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY TO REMOVE OR
9 ALTER ITS PRIOR APPROVAL PROCESS FOR DRUGS AND SERVICES FOR
10 PREMATURE INFANTS.
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12 WHEREAS, the State of Alabama, which currently has
13 one of the highest rates of infant mortality in the country,
14 is looking to improve its infant mortality rate; and

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

17 WHEREAS, after release from the hospital, an infant
18 born under 37 weeks of gestation often needs certain
19 prescription drugs and services to survive a premature birth;
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21 WHEREAS, Medicaid currently requires prior approval
22 to cover certain prescription drugs and services necessary for
23 the health and survival of premature infants; and

24 WHEREAS, the current Medicaid Agency requirement for
25 the prior approval of certain prescription drugs and services
26 for premature infants creates an undue hardship and may delay
27 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.