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3 By Representative Roberts
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, the Department of Mental
9 Health regulates certain community programs that
10 provide services to persons with intellectual
11 disabilities.

12 Under existing law, the Board of Nursing
13 directs and controls the storage, handling, and
14 administration of medications and certain other
15 medical needs to persons participating in these
16 community programs and these programs are subject
17 to rules of the Board of Nursing related to the
18 storage, handling, and administration of
19 medications and other substances.

20 This bill would authorize a person working
21 in a community program that is under contract with
22 the Department of Mental Health to provide services
23 to individuals with intellectual disabilities to
24 store, handle, and administer medications and other
25 substances to participants in the program.

26 This bill would specify that the storage,
27 handling, and administration of such medications

1 and other needs are exempt from regulation by the
2 Board of Nursing.

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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
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8 To exempt certain community programs under contract
9 with the Department of Mental Health from regulation by the
10 Board of Nursing in the storage, handling, and administration
11 of medications and other substances to meet the needs of the
12 participants.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

14 Section 1. (a) For purposes of this act, the term
15 "community program" means a community program that is under
16 contract with the Department of Mental Health to provide
17 services to persons with intellectual disabilities may provide
18 for the storage, handling, and administration of medications
19 and other substances to meet the needs of participants in the
20 program.

21 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the
22 storage, handling, and administration of medications and other
23 medical needs by a person working in community programs as
24 defined in subsection (a) are exempt from regulation by the
25 Board of Nursing.

26 Section 2. All laws or parts of laws which conflict
27 with this act are repealed.

1 Section 3. This act shall become effective on the
2 first day of the third month following its passage and
3 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.