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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would require hospitals to provide
9 parents with educational information on pertussis
10 prior to discharge of a newborn child.

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12 A BILL
13 TO BE ENTITLED
14 AN ACT

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16 To require hospitals to provide educational
17 information on pertussis to the parents prior to discharge of
18 a newborn child.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

20 Section 1. (a) During the postpartum period, before
21 discharging a newborn child, a hospital shall provide parents
22 with educational information on pertussis disease which shall
23 advise the parents of the availability of a vaccine to protect
24 against pertussis. The educational information shall include,
25 but not be limited to, information on any recommendation from
26 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that parents

1 receive the Tdap vaccine during the postpartum period to
2 protect the newborn child from the transmission of pertussis.

3 (b) Nothing in this section shall require any
4 hospital to provide or pay for any vaccination against
5 pertussis.

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