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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would require local school systems
9 to provide information on meningococcal meningitis
10 disease and its vaccine to parents and guardians of
11 students whenever other health information is
12 provided.

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14 A BILL
15 TO BE ENTITLED
16 AN ACT

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18 To require local school systems to provide
19 information to parents and guardians of students in grades six
20 through 12 on meningococcal meningitis disease and its vaccine
21 whenever other health information is provided.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

23 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited
24 as the Jessica Elkins Act.

25 Section 2. (a) If a local board of education
26 provides information on immunizations, infectious diseases,
27 medications, or other school health issues to parents and

1 guardians of students in grades six through 12, then all of
2 the following information about meningococcal meningitis
3 disease and its vaccine shall be included:

4 (1) A description of causes, symptoms, and means of
5 transmission.

6 (2) A list of sources for additional information.

7 (3) Related recommendations issued by the federal
8 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

9 (b) The State Department of Education, in
10 cooperation with the Department of Public Health, shall
11 develop and make available the information about meningococcal
12 meningitis disease and its vaccine to local school systems as
13 required under subsection (a) in an efficient manner that may
14 include posting the information on its website.

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