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RFD: Health

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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, a minor 14 years of age or older may give consent for medical, dental, and mental health services for himself or herself without parental consent.

This bill would require consent of a parent or a legal guardian for any minor to receive a vaccination.

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to vaccines; to amend Section 22-8-4, Code of Alabama 1975; to require consent of a parent or legal guardian for any minor to receive a vaccination.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 22-8-4, Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§22-8-4

(a) Any minor who is 14 years of age or older, or has graduated from high school, or is married, or having been married is divorced or is pregnant may give effective consent to any legally authorized medical, dental, health or mental health services for himself or herself, and the consent of no
other person shall be necessary.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), an unemancipated minor may not give consent to the administration of a vaccination for himself or herself without consent of a parent or legal guardian."

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