

By: Representatives Currie, Hopkins

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 414

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-88-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
 2 PROHIBIT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FROM REQUIRING HEALTH CARE
 3 PROVIDERS OR HEALTH CARE FACILITIES TO ADMINISTER VACCINATIONS FOR
 4 HEPATITIS B TO ALL NEWBORNS AT BIRTH OR BEFORE DISCHARGE FROM THE
 5 HOSPITAL; TO PROHIBIT HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND HEALTH CARE
 6 FACILITIES FROM ADMINISTERING A VACCINATION FOR HEPATITIS B TO A
 7 NEWBORN AT BIRTH OR BEFORE DISCHARGE FROM THE HOSPITAL UNLESS THE
 8 PARENT OR PARENTS OF THE NEWBORN REQUEST THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE
 9 VACCINE TO THE NEWBORN; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

11 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-88-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
 12 amended as follows:

13 41-88-3. (1) The State Department of Health is responsible
 14 for assuring that all children in the state are appropriately
 15 immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases. In order to
 16 improve the state's immunization levels in children, the State
 17 Department of Health shall enhance current immunization activities
 18 and focus on children receiving all recommended immunizations by
 19 twenty-four (24) months of age. The immunizations shall be
 20 administered according to the recommendations of the national
 21 Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). The



22 administration of vaccine shall not be delayed due to a reluctance
23 of the health care provider to administer multiple immunizations
24 in a visit. The department shall improve parent compliance and
25 provide more timely scheduling, recall and follow-up in order to
26 achieve national and state immunization level goals.

27 Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the
28 State Department of Health shall not require health care providers
29 or health care facilities to administer vaccinations for Hepatitis
30 B to all newborns at birth or before discharge from the hospital,
31 and a health care provider or health care facility shall not
32 administer a vaccination for Hepatitis B to a newborn at birth or
33 before discharge from the hospital unless the parent or parents of
34 the newborn request the administration of the vaccine to the
35 newborn.

36 (2) The State Department of Health shall establish a
37 statewide childhood immunization registry to which all health care
38 providers will report the administration of childhood
39 immunizations. The State Board of Health will promulgate rules
40 and regulations needed to implement this section. The department
41 shall make information regarding the immunization status of
42 children in the registry available to the parents/guardians of the
43 child, health care providers and individuals or organizations that
44 are required to report on the immunizations status of children in
45 their care.



46 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
47 and after July 1, 2018.

