- 1 HB538
- 2 116022-5
- 3 By Representatives Gordon, Kennedy, Guin and Mitchell
- 4 RFD: Health
- 5 First Read: 11-FEB-10

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4	A BILL
5	TO BE ENTITLED
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8	To authorize the State Board of Health to provide
9	parents or guardians of sixth grade female students
10	information concerning the infection and the immunization
11	against the human papillomavirus.
12	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
13	Section 1. (a) On or after October 1, 2010, each
14	school shall may provide each parent or guardian of a female
15	student who is entering sixth grade with information
16	prescribed by the State Board of Health under subsection (b)
17	concerning the link between cervical cancer and the human
18	papillomavirus (HPV) infection and that an immunization
19	against the human papillomavirus infection is available.
20	(b) The State Board of Health shall may provide each
21	school described in subsection (a) with the following
22	information concerning cervical cancer and the human
23	papillomavirus infection:
24	(1) The latest scientific information on the
25	immunization against the human papillomavirus infection and

- the immunization's effectiveness against causes of cervical
 cancer.
- 3 (2) That a pap smear is still critical for the
 4 detection of precancerous changes in the cervix to allow for
 5 treatment before cervical cancer develops.

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- (3) Information concerning the means by which the human papillomavirus infection is contracted.
- (4) (3) A statement that any questions or concerns regarding immunizing a child against human papillomavirus could be answered by contacting a health care provider.

Section 2. (a) Each school that enrolls sixth grade female students shall require may request the parent or guardian of a female student entering sixth grade to furnish not later than the twentieth school day after the first day of school a written statement prescribed by the State Board of Health that the parent or guardian has received the information required under subsection (b) of Section 1 and that: written statement as may be prescribed by the Board of Health that the parent or guardian has received any information authorized under subsection (b) of Section (1) and the following information as may also be requested:

- (1) The student has received or is receiving the immunization.
- (2) The parent has decided not to have the student immunized.

1 (3) The parent chooses not to provide the
2 information to the school concerning whether the student was
3 immunized against the human papillomavirus infection.

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(b) A student may not be prevented from enrolling in, attending, or graduating from school for the sole reason that the student has not provided the school with the written statement required requested under this section.

Section 3. 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.

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3	House of Representatives
4 5 6 7	Read for the first time and re- ferred to the House of Representa- tives committee on Health 11-FEB-10
8 9 10 11	Read for the second time and placed on the calendar with 1 substitute and 03-MAR-10
12 13 14	Read for the third time and passed as amended
15 16 17 18	Greg Pappas Clerk