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8 SYNOPSIS: Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome refers to a
9 group of medical problems a baby experiences when
10 withdrawing from exposure to certain narcotics.

11 This bill would authorize the State Board of
12 Health to license and regulate neonatal abstinence
13 care centers to treat infants suffering from
14 Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.

15 This bill would provide minimum standards of
16 operation and provide for services to be
17 administered at neonatal abstinence care centers.

18 This bill would require the State Board of
19 Health to adopt rules to implement this bill.
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21 A BILL
22 TO BE ENTITLED
23 AN ACT
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25 Relating to the State Board of Health; to authorize
26 the board to license and regulate neonatal abstinence care
27 centers to treat infants suffering from Neonatal Abstinence

1 Syndrome; to provide for minimum standards of operation and
2 provide for services to be administered at neonatal abstinence
3 care centers; and to require the State Board of Health to
4 adopt rules.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

6 Section 1. (a) The purpose of this section is to
7 provide for regulating the licensure of neonatal abstinence
8 care centers in the state. A neonatal abstinence care center
9 is a health care facility that provides treatment for infants
10 under one year of age suffering from Neonatal Abstinence
11 Syndrome, including, but not limited to, the following
12 services:

- 13 (1) Administration of medication.
- 14 (2) Pain management.
- 15 (3) Scoring, analysis, and monitoring of symptoms.
- 16 (4) Nursing care.
- 17 (5) Plan of care.
- 18 (6) Therapeutic handling.
- 19 (7) Nutrition management.
- 20 (8) Physician visits.
- 21 (9) Parental training.

22 (b) The State Board of Health may grant licenses for
23 the operation of neonatal abstinence care centers that comply
24 with rules adopted by the State Board of Health. The State
25 Board of Health shall adopt rules that include, at a minimum,
26 licensing procedures for neonatal abstinence care centers, and

1 minimum standards of operation, including all of the
2 following:

3 (1) Minimum numbers of administrators, medical
4 directors, nurses, aides, and other personnel according to the
5 occupancy of the center.

6 (2) Qualifications of center administrators, medical
7 directors, nurses, aides, and other personnel.

8 (3) Safety requirements.

9 (4) Sanitation requirements.

10 (5) Therapeutic services.

11 (6) Medical records.

12 (7) Pharmacy services.

13 (8) Nursing services.

14 (9) Medical services.

15 (10) Physical facilities.

16 (11) Visitation privileges.

17 (12) Admission, transfer, and discharge policies.

18 (c) Notwithstanding any state law to the contrary,
19 the State Health Planning and Development Agency shall
20 consider neonatal abstinence care centers as a unique and
21 distinct medical service in conducting a certificate of need
22 review.

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