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8 URGING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE
9 ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ENCOURAGE ALL SCHOOLS
10 TO PARTICIPATE IN A SCHOOL BASED VACCINATION PROGRAM.
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12 WHEREAS, in 2017, the Alabama Department of Public
13 Health (ADPH) Immunization Division conducted 14 outbreak
14 investigations statewide which involved nine schools; and

15 WHEREAS, over 2,000 students, faculty, and staff
16 were exposed to diseases which are preventable with a
17 vaccination; and

18 WHEREAS, these diseases cost school time, staff,
19 supplies, and resources; and

20 WHEREAS, these diseases negatively impact students,
21 faculty, and staff as well as their families and communities;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, many of the students with confirmed cases
24 were not up-to-date on their school vaccines required by law
25 or the Advisory Council on Immunization Practices (ACIP)
26 recommended vaccines; now therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
2 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Department of
3 Public Health and the Alabama Department of Education strongly
4 urges all public K-12 schools to participate annually in
5 ACIP/ADPH recommended vaccination program with the following
6 attributes:

7 (1) The program shall be run entirely by health care
8 providers or community immunizers, or both.

9 (2) Health care providers and community immunizers
10 shall be responsible for ordering vaccines for children (VFC)
11 through the ADPH and for purchasing non-VFC vaccines from
12 manufacturers.

13 (3) Health care providers and community immunizers
14 shall be responsible for acquiring insurance information and
15 making application for the administration of the vaccine to
16 the appropriate public or private insurer. Reimbursement to
17 providers shall be determined under the terms and conditions
18 of each individual insurance benefit plan.

19 (4) No child, regardless of insurance, shall be
20 refused a vaccine.

21 (5) Clinics must be provided at no cost to the
22 family or school system.

23 (6) No deductible or copay shall be charged by the
24 provider.

25 (7) The program shall be designed to administer
26 vaccines consistent with the recommendations of the ACIP.

1 (8) All vaccinations must be entered into the state
2 registry (IMMPRINT) by the provider.

3 (9) The program may be implemented by any willing
4 provider with the ability to order, transport, and administer
5 VFC and non-VFC vaccines.

6 (10) Only federal Food and Drug Administration
7 approved vaccines may be used in the program.

8 (11) Individual student participation shall be
9 voluntary and the vaccine shall be administered to a student
10 with the written consent of the parent or legal guardian of
11 the student.

12 (12) Information about the school-located
13 vaccination clinic, current Vaccine Information Statement
14 applicable, and student/parent information guide provided to
15 each student at the beginning of each school year.

16 (13) The program may not restrict the discretion of
17 a health care provider, or community immunizer, or both, to
18 administer vaccines approved by the federal Food and Drug
19 Administration for use in the pediatric populations.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copies of this
21 resolution shall be provided to the Alabama Department of
22 Public Health and the State Board of Education.