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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, the endorsement of a
6 certified registered nurse practitioner or certified
7 nurse midwife is deemed to be the endorsement of a
8 physician for certain health or medical related
9 documents.

10 This bill would specifically provide that the
11 endorsement of a certified registered nurse
12 practitioner or certified nurse midwife on a physical
13 examination form for participation of a student in K-12
14 school athletics is deemed to be the endorsement of a
15 physician.

16 This bill would also prohibit any public K-12
17 school from being a member of an athletic association
18 that refuses to accept physical examination forms for
19 participation in school athletics endorsed in
20 compliance with this bill.

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23 A BILL
24 TO BE ENTITLED
25 AN ACT
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27 Relating to certified registered nurse practitioners or
28 certified nurse midwives; to amend Section 34-21-93.1, Code of



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Alabama 1975; to provide that an endorsement by a certified registered nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife on a physical examination form for participation in school athletics satisfies any requirement for the endorsement of a physician on the required form; and to prohibit a public K-12 school from being a member of an athletic association that does not accept physical examination forms for participation in school athletics endorsed in compliance with this act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 34-21-93.1 of the Code of Alabama 1975, is amended to read as follows:

"§34-21-93.1

(a) When any law or rule requires a signature, certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or endorsement by a physician, the document shall be deemed to authorize a signature, certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or endorsement by a certified registered nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife for the items listed in this section. The authority in this section for a certified registered nurse practitioner and a certified nurse midwife shall be subject to an active collaboration agreement. This section applies to all of the following:

(1) Certification of disability for patients to receive special access parking or disability access parking tags or placards.

(2) A signature required for any of the following:

a. The following documents that require a complete history and physical examination consistent with the examining



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provider's scope of practice and certification:

1. Physicals for bus drivers in this state using State of Alabama forms.

2. Physicals to verify eligibility for students to participate in the Special Olympics.

3. Employment and pre-employment physicals for Transportation Security Agency (TSA) employees at an airport or for governmental employees such as firefighters and law enforcement officers.

4. Adoptive parent applications.

5. College or trade school physicals.

6. Boy Scout or Girl Scout physicals or physical required by similar organizations.

7. Physicals to verify eligibility for students to participate in K-12 school athletic activities including, but not limited to, interscholastic athletic activities.

b. Forms excusing a potential jury member due to an illness.

c. Forms relating to absenteeism for employment or school purposes, including, but not limited to, documents associated with the federal Family and Medical Leave Act.

d. Authorizations for durable medical equipment.

e. Authorizations for diabetic testing supplies.

f. Authorization for diabetic shoes.

g. Home health recertification orders after initial certification.

h. Within the state Medicaid system, any and all forms for the ordering of medications, nutritional supplements, or



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85 infant formulas, or referrals to providers of medical
86 specialties, home health services, and physical or occupation
87 therapy.

88 i. Death certificates.

89 j. Forms, including physical examination forms, needed
90 for certifications in residential or inpatient dwellings
91 within the Department of Mental Health.

92 k. Forms for ambulance transport.

93 l. Forms for donor breast milk.

94 m. Required documentation allowing a diabetic to renew
95 or obtain a driver's license.

96 (b) Additional forms may be approved by rule under the
97 Alabama Administrative Procedure Act by the State Board of
98 Medical Examiners, after consulting with the state
99 professional society of nurse practitioners, the state
100 professional society of nurse midwives, the state professional
101 society of physicians, or the Joint Committee of the State
102 Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Nursing for
103 Advanced Practice Nurses as established by Section 34-21-81,
104 whichever is appropriate.

105 (c) This section shall not be construed to expand the
106 scope of practice for any certified registered nurse
107 practitioner or certified nurse midwife.

108 (d) This section does not expand the scope of a
109 collaborative physician's responsibility with regard to nurse
110 practitioners or nurse midwives under the laws of this state.

111 (e) Any document signed or otherwise endorsed by a
112 certified registered nurse practitioner or certified nurse



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midwife in lieu of a physician pursuant to this section shall be accepted as valid and lawful by the organization or entity requesting a physician's signature."

Section 2. (a) For purposes of this section, an athletic association has the same meaning as provided in Section 16-1-52.1, Code of Alabama 1975.

(b) A public K-12 school may not be a member of an athletic association that refuses to accept physical examination forms to verify eligibility for students to participate in K-12 school athletic activities which are endorsed by a certified registered nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife in compliance with Section 34-21-93.1, Code of Alabama 1975.

Section 3. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2026.