



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 56

SENATE BILL NO. 538

By McNally, Burks

Substituted for: House Bill No. 186

By Maggart, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 5, Part 1, relative to certain immunizations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

68-5-110. In accordance with the latest recommendations of the advisory committee on immunization practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, during the postpartum period and prior to discharge, each hospital shall provide parents of newborns educational information on Pertussis disease and the availability of a vaccine to protect against Pertussis. This educational information shall include, but is not limited to, information on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendation that parents and caregivers receive Tdap during the postpartum period to protect their newborns from the transmission of Pertussis. Nothing in this section shall require any hospital to provide or pay for any vaccination against Pertussis. This section also shall not constitute a requirement to be assessed during any inspection under Chapter 11, Part 2, of this title.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 28, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 11th day of April 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR