



**State of Tennessee**  
**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 60**

**SENATE BILL NO. 979**

**By McNally**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 712

**By Littleton**

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:

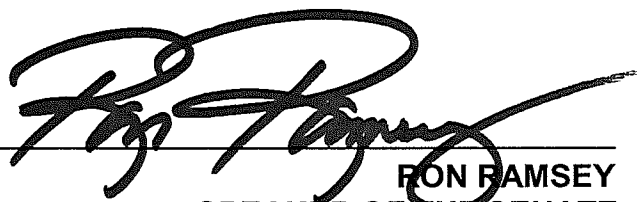
SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

68-5-111. In accordance with the latest recommendations of the advisory committee on immunization practices of the centers for disease control and prevention, each hospital shall between the dates of August 1 through March 31 and prior to patient discharge, provide to patients or inform patients where they can find educational information on influenza disease and the availability of a vaccine to protect against the influenza virus. The educational information shall include, but is not limited to, the causes and symptoms of influenza disease, the effectiveness and known contraindications of influenza immunizations and the means by which influenza is spread. This information shall be provided to all patients aged six (6) months and older and may be provided to a parent or legal guardian of patients aged six (6) months through eighteen (18) years of age. Nothing in this section shall require any hospital to provide or pay for any vaccination against influenza. This section shall also 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, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 11, 2013

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR