

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 787

5 By: Senator Madison
6 By: Representatives J. Roebuck, Nix, L. Smith
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT MATERNITY PATIENTS ARE
11 INFORMED OF THE TYPES AND RISKS OF BIRTHING
12 METHODS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO ENSURE THAT MATERNITY PATIENTS ARE
15 INFORMED OF THE TYPES AND RISKS OF
16 BIRTHING METHODS.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1 is amended
23 to add an additional section to read as follows:

24 20-16-102. Maternity patient informed consent.

25 (a)(1) A maternity patient at a hospital or birthing center shall be
26 provided information related to the types of birthing methods and their
27 associated risks including vaginal delivery and cesarean section deliveries.

28 (2) The information shall include without limitation:

29 (A) The annual rate of cesarean sections, primary cesarean
30 sections, repeat cesarean sections, and total number of cesarean sections
31 performed at the hospital or birthing center;

32 (B) The annual percentage of women with previous cesarean
33 sections who have had a subsequent successful vaginal birth;

34 (C) The annual percentage of deliveries by midwives;

35 (D) The annual percentage of births utilizing electronic
36 fetal monitoring listed on the basis of external and internal;



1 (E) The annual percentage of births using forceps, listed
2 on the basis of low forceps delivery and mid forceps delivery;

3 (F) The annual percentage of breech births delivered
4 vaginally;

5 (G) The annual percentage of births using analgesia;

6 (H) The annual percentage of births using anesthesia
7 including general, spinal, epidural, and paracervical listed on the basis of
8 vaginal and cesarean births;

9 (I) The annual percentage of births using induction of
10 labor;

11 (J) The annual percentage of births using augmentation of
12 labor;

13 (K) The annual percentage of vaginal births using
14 episiotomies;

15 (L) Whether birthing rooms are available for use in the
16 hospital or birthing center;

17 (M) Whether rooming-in is available in the hospital or
18 birthing center, on the basis of 24 hours a day or daytime.

19 (3) When available and applicable, the hospital or birthing
20 center shall provide its statistics under subdivision (a)(2) of this section,
21 as well as the statewide statistics.

22 (b) The Director of the Department of Health shall compile statewide
23 statistics listed in subdivision (a)(2) from hospitals and birthing centers
24 and include these statistics on its website.

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