

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.

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2009-093

State of Arkansas

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SENATE BILL 787

By: Senator Madison

By: Representatives J. Roebuck, Nix, L. Smith

Filed with: Senate Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

TO ENSURE THAT MATERNITY PATIENTS ARE
INFORMED OF THE TYPES AND RISKS OF
BIRTHING METHODS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1 is amended
to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-16-102. Maternity patient informed consent.

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

(B) The information also shall be made available to the
general public upon request.

(2) The information shall include without limitation:

(A) The annual rate of cesarean sections, primary cesarean
sections, repeat cesarean sections, and total number of cesarean sections



1 performed at the hospital or birthing center;

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

4 (C) The annual percentage of deliveries by *certified*
5 *nurse-midwives*;

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

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

10 (F) The annual percentage of breech births delivered
11 vaginally;

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

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

16 (I) The annual percentage of births using induction of
17 labor;

18 (J) The annual percentage of births using augmentation of
19 labor;

20 (K) The annual percentage of vaginal births using
21 episiotomies;

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

24 (M) Whether rooming-in is available in the hospital or
25 birthing center, on the basis of twenty-four (24) hours a day or daytime; and

26 (N) The annual percentage of women breastfeeding upon
27 discharge.

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

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

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35 /s/ Madison

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