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.

1	State of Arkansas As A	Engrossed: \$3/16/09
2	87th General Assembly	A Bill
3	Regular Session, 2009	SENATE BILL 787
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5	By: Senator Madison	
6	By: Representatives J. Roebuck, Nix, L. Smi	th
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9	For An	Act To Be Entitled
10	AN ACT TO ENSURE TH	AT MATERNITY PATIENTS ARE
11	INFORMED OF THE TYP	ES AND RISKS OF BIRTHING
12	METHODS; AND FOR OT	HER PURPOSES.
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14		Subtitle
15	TO ENSURE THAT M	ATERNITY PATIENTS ARE
16	INFORMED OF THE	TYPES AND RISKS OF
17	BIRTHING METHODS	
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20	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSE	MBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code T	itle 20, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1 is amended
23	to add an additional section to re	ead as follows:
24	20-16-102. Maternity patien	nt informed consent.
25	(a)(1)(A) A maternity pati	ent at the time of preadmission at a
26	hospital or birthing center shall	be provided printed information related to
27	the types of birthing methods and	their associated risks including vaginal
28	delivery and cesarean section del	<u>iveries.</u>
29	(B) The inform	ation also shall be made available to the
30	general public upon request.	
31	(2) The information	shall include without limitation:
32	(A) The annual	rate of cesarean sections, primary cesarean
33	sections, repeat cesarean sections	s, and total number of cesarean sections
34	performed at the hospital or birt	ning center;
35	(B) The annual	percentage of women with previous cesarean
36	sections who have had a subsequen	successful vaginal birth;

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1	(C) The annual percentage of deliveries by certified		
2	nurse-midwives;		
3	(D) The annual percentage of births utilizing electronic		
4	fetal monitoring listed on the basis of external and internal;		
5	(E) The annual percentage of births using forceps, listed		
6	on the basis of low forceps delivery and mid forceps delivery;		
7	(F) The annual percentage of breech births delivered		
8	vaginally;		
9	(G) The annual percentage of births using analgesia;		
10	(H) The annual percentage of births using anesthesia		
11	including general, spinal, epidural, and paracervical listed on the basis of		
12	vaginal and cesarean births;		
13	(I) The annual percentage of births using induction of		
14	labor;		
15	(J) The annual percentage of births using augmentation of		
16	labor;		
17	(K) The annual percentage of vaginal births using		
18	<pre>episiotomies;</pre>		
19	(L) Whether birthing rooms are available for use in the		
20	hospital or birthing center;		
21	(M) Whether rooming-in is available in the hospital or		
22	birthing center, on the basis of twenty-four (24) hours a day or daytime; and		
23	(N) The annual percentage of women breastfeeding upon		
24	discharge.		
25	(3) When available and applicable, the hospital or birthing		
26	center shall provide its statistics under subdivision (a)(2) of this section,		
27	as well as the statewide statistics.		
28	(b) The Director of the Department of Health shall compile statewide		
29	statistics listed in subdivision (a)(2) from hospitals and birthing centers		
30	and include these statistics on its website.		
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