

House Bill 249 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Sims of the 119th and Cooper of the 41st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relating to health, so as to provide for information on pertussis disease by hospitals to parents of newborn infants; to provide for statutory construction; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relating to health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"31-1-12.

(a) 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 such disease. Such educational information shall include, but not be limited to, information on the recommendation by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that parents of newborns receive the vaccination during the postpartum period to protect the newborns from the transmission of pertussis.

(b) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to require any hospital to provide or pay for any vaccination against pertussis."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.