

HOUSE BILL 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, distribute to patients 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 distributed to all patients aged six (6) months and older and may be distributed 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.