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Act 2021-493

S.B. No. 267

By: Senator Orr

Enrolled. An Act, Relating to immunizations; to prohibit the issuance of vaccine passports by government entities; to prohibit government entities from requiring an individual to receive an immunization as a condition for government services, with exceptions; to prohibit institutions of education from requiring additional vaccines as a condition of attendance; and to prohibit businesses from refusing service to an individual based on that individual's immunization status.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) A state or local government entity, or any of its officers or agents, may not issue vaccine or immunization passports, vaccine or immunization passes, or any other standardized documentation for the purpose of certifying the immunization status of an individual, or otherwise require the publication or sharing of immunization records or similar health information for an individual, except as otherwise required by Chapter 30 of Title 16, Code of Alabama 1975, or other applicable state law.

(b) A state or local government entity or agency, or any of its officers or agents, may not require an individual to receive an immunization or present documentation of an immunization as a condition for receiving any government service or for entry into a government building, except as otherwise required by Chapter 30 of Title 16, Code of Alabama 1975, or other applicable state law.

(c) Institutions of education may continue to require a student to prove vaccination status as a condition of attendance only for the specific vaccines that were already required by the institution as of January 1, 2021, provided that the institutions give an exemption for students with a medical condition or religious belief that is contrary to vaccination.

(d) An entity or individual doing business in this state may not refuse to provide any goods or services, or refuse to allow admission, to a customer based on the customer's immunization status or lack of documentation that the customer has received an immunization.

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

Approved May 24, 2021.