

## Session 121 - (2015-2016)

### **S 1143 General Bill, By Grooms, Campbell and Kimpson**

***Similar (H 3851)***

**Summary:** Regulation of birth centers

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-89-30 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO LICENSING OF BIRTHING CENTERS, TO CHANGE DEFINITIONAL TERMS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-89-60, RELATING TO REGULATION OF BIRTH CENTERS, TO REQUIRE BIRTH CENTERS TO BE ACCREDITED AND TO COMPLY WITH STATE STATUTES AND REGULATIONS, TO REQUIRE BIRTHS PLANNED TO OCCUR AT BIRTH CENTERS TO BE EVALUATED BY PROFESSIONAL STAFF TO ASSESS FOR RISK STATUS AND TO DOCUMENT EVALUATIONS IN CLIENT FILES, TO ADDRESS PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR STAFF MEMBERS WHO PROVIDE PATIENT CARE, TO REQUIRE DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDELINES, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ADDRESSING, AMONG OTHER PRACTICES, THE TRANSFER OF CLIENTS TO HOSPITALS, TO REQUIRE BIRTH CENTERS TO COLLECT AND REPORT DATA, AND TO ESTABLISH A DEADLINE FOR BIRTH CENTERS IN OPERATION TO BECOME ACCREDITED.

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