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6 Introduced by Reps. Sellers, Johnson, Brady, Gilliard, Jefferson
7 and Knight
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9 **A BILL**

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11 TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
12 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44-29-187 SO AS TO ENACT THE
13 "CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION ACT"; TO PROVIDE
14 THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR,
15 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL
16 CONTROL SHALL OFFER AS AN OPTION THE CERVICAL
17 CANCER VACCINE SERIES TO FEMALE STUDENTS
18 ENROLLING IN THE SEVENTH GRADE; TO PROVIDE THE
19 STUDENT MAY ONLY RECEIVE THESE VACCINATIONS AT
20 THE OPTION OF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE
21 CHILD; TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE THROUGH WHICH A
22 PARENT OR GUARDIAN MAY EXERCISE THE OPTION FOR
23 THEIR CHILD TO RECEIVE THESE VACCINATIONS; TO
24 REQUIRE A RELATED EDUCATION PROGRAM; AND TO
25 PROVIDE THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION IS
26 CONTINGENT UPON STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING.

27 Amend Title To Conform
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29 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South
30 Carolina:

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32 SECTION 1. This act may be cited as the "Cervical Cancer
33 Prevention Act".
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35 SECTION 2. Chapter 29, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended
36 by adding:
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38 "Section 44-29-187. (A) Beginning with the 2012-2013 school
39 year, the Department of Health and Environmental Control may
40 offer the cervical cancer vaccination for adolescent students
41 enrolling in the seventh grade in any school, public or private, in

1 this State. No student is required to have the cervical cancer series
2 before enrolling or attending school.

3 (B)(1) The department may develop and provide to each school
4 whose grade levels include grade six informational brochures
5 concerning adolescent vaccinations, including the cervical cancer
6 vaccination series. The information may also specifically mention
7 the optional nature of the cancer vaccination series and shall
8 encourage the parent or guardian of a student to take the child to
9 their own health care provider to be vaccinated.

10 (2) At the beginning of the school year each school district
11 may provide these informational brochures to the parents or
12 guardians of all students in the sixth grade.

13 (C) For the purposes of this section ‘cervical cancer vaccination
14 series’ means the human papillomavirus vaccination series.

15 (D) Implementation of this section is contingent upon the
16 appropriation of state and federal funding to the department to
17 fully cover the costs of providing this vaccine to eligible students
18 as well as the availability of funds to produce the informational
19 materials referenced in this section.”

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21 SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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