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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would prohibit governmental entities and the State Health Officer from imposing any face mask mandates to prevent the spread of COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19.

This bill would also provide exceptions for facilities offering medical or dental services and state and local detention facilities.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to mask mandates; to prohibit governmental entities and the State Health Officer from imposing a face mask mandate to prevent the spread of COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19; and to provide exceptions in certain circumstances.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) (1) Except as provided by subsection (b), no governmental entity may implement, order, or otherwise impose a mandate requiring an individual to wear a face mask or other face covering to prevent the spread of COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19. For the purposes of this section, the



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29 term "governmental entity" includes, but is not limited to,
30 all of the following:

31 a. The state, a county, or a municipality.

32 b. Any instrumentality of the state, a county, or a
33 municipality.

34 c. A public k-12 school or public charter school.

35 (2) The State Health Officer may not implement, order,
36 or otherwise impose a mandate requiring an individual to wear
37 a face mask or other face covering to prevent the spread of
38 COVID-19 or any variant of COVID-19.

39 (b) This section shall not apply to an order or mandate
40 that relates to either of the following:

41 (1) Any facility providing medical or dental services.

42 (2) Any state or local detention center, as defined in
43 Section 13A-3-27, Code of Alabama 1975.

44 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
45 1, 2024.