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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 This bill would prohibit governmental entities
6 and the State Health Officer from imposing any face
7 mask mandates to prevent the spread of COVID-19 or any
8 other communicable disease.

9 This bill would also provide exceptions for
10 licensed medical facilities and state and local
11 detention facilities.

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14 A BILL
15 TO BE ENTITLED
16 AN ACT
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18 Relating to mask mandates; to prohibit governmental
19 entities and the State Health Officer from imposing a face
20 mask mandate to prevent the spread of COVID-19 or any other
21 communicable disease; and to provide exceptions in certain
22 circumstances.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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



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

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

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

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

(2) The State Health Officer may not 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.

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

(1) Any medical facility licensed by the Department of Public Health.

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

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