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**S. B. No. 322**

**Senator Ingram**

**Cosponsors: Senators DeMora, Antonio, Hicks-Hudson, Craig, Sykes, Smith**

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**A BILL**

To enact section 3702.35 of the Revised Code 1  
regarding freestanding birth centers. 2

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 3702.35 of the Revised Code be 3  
enacted to read as follows: 4

**Sec. 3702.35.** (A) Each freestanding birthing center shall 5  
have a written plan for the transfer of a mother or a newborn to 6  
a hospital in the event of medical complications, emergency 7  
situations, or as the need arises. 8

(B) No freestanding birthing center shall be required to 9  
establish a written transfer agreement with a hospital. 10