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No. HB 2976

**THE GOVERNOR  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

April 29, 20 14

TIME SIGNED: 11:17 AM

TO THE HONORABLE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
SECOND SESSION OF THE  
FIFTY FOURTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL NO. 2976:

This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have VETOED House Bill 2976.

House Bill 2976 requires Oklahoma hospitals to provide parents of newborns educational information on pertussis disease, the availability of the vaccine to prevent pertussis, and provide a recommendation to the parents that they receive a tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (Tdap) vaccine during the postpartum period to protect their newborn from the transmission of pertussis. The Bill also specifically does not require any hospital to provide or pay for these vaccinations.

While I strongly support the prevention of pertussis in newborns, this Bill will not advance that effort. The dissemination of information regarding an available vaccine, without information on where to obtain the vaccine has not been determined to be an effective preventative measure. Further, and perhaps more importantly, this Bill does not require a hospital to provide information where parents of newborns can receive assistance or free vaccines, which are widely available through several programs in Oklahoma.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Mary Fallin

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY  
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By Collette N. Hauck

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