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HOUSE BILL 825

Short Title: Meningitis & Hepatitis B Immunization. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Grady, Bowie, Glazier (Primary Sponsors); Dockham, Hilton, Justice, Michaux, and Walend.

Referred to: Education Subcommittee on Universities.

April 1, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE ANY PRIVATE OR PUBLIC INSTITUTION THAT OFFERS A POSTSECONDARY DEGREE TO PROVIDE MENINGOCOCCAL AND HEPATITIS B IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION TO NEWLY ENROLLED STUDENTS IF THE INSTITUTION HAS A RESIDENTIAL CAMPUS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new article to read:

"Article 32.

"Health Information.

"§ 116-260. Information on meningococcal and hepatitis B immunization.

(a) Each public or private educational institution that offers a postsecondary degree as defined in G.S. 116-15 and that has a residential campus shall provide information on meningococcal and hepatitis B diseases to each student who enrolls for the first time at that campus. The information about the meningococcal and hepatitis B diseases shall include all of the following:

(1) Symptoms, risks, especially as the risks relate to circumstances of group living arrangements, and treatment of the diseases.

(2) A recommendation that each newly enrolled student receive the vaccination to prevent the student from contracting the disease and where the vaccination can be received.

(3) A response form with space in which to indicate that the newly enrolled student has received the information about meningococcal and hepatitis B diseases and the availability of the vaccines to prevent the student from contracting the diseases, whether or not he or she has chosen to receive the vaccination and his or her signature. In the case

1 of a student who is a minor, the student's parent or guardian shall sign
2 the response form on behalf of the minor student.

3 (b) The student or the student's parent or guardian shall return the signed form to
4 the appropriate office at the educational institution. The information obtained under this
5 section that is in the possession of the educational institution is confidential and shall
6 not be a public record under G.S. 132-1.

7 (c) This section shall not be construed to require the educational institution to
8 provide the meningococcal and hepatitis B vaccinations to students.

9 (d) Each educational institution required to provide information under this
10 section shall consult with the Department of Health and Human Services regarding the
11 preparation of the information materials for the newly enrolled students.

12 (e) This section does not create a private right of action."

13 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to the
14 2003-2004 academic year and each subsequent year.