GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2009

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SENATE BILL 221*

Short Title:	Healthy Youth Act. (Public)			
Sponsors:	Senators Graham; Atwater, Berger of Franklin, Bingham, Boseman, Dannelly, Davis, Dorsett, Foriest, Garrou, Jenkins, Jones, Kinnaird, Malone, McKissick, Nesbitt, Purcell, Queen, Shaw, Stein, and Weinstein.			
Referred to:	Education/Higher Education.			
	February 19, 2009			
	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED			
	TO PROVIDE FOR ABSTINENCE UNTIL MARRIAGE AND EHENSIVE SEXUALITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN GRADES SEVEN GH NINE.			
The General	Assembly of North Carolina enacts:			
	ECTION 1. This act shall be known as the "Healthy Youth Act of 2009".			
S	ECTION 2. G.S. 115C-81(e1)(1)l. reads as rewritten:			
	"l. Abstinence until marriage education; An abstinence only until			
	marriage program, and an abstinence-based comprehensive sexuality			
	education program; and".			
S	ECTION 3. G.S. 115C-81(e1)(3) is repealed.			
S	ECTION 4. G.S. 115C-81(e1)(4) reads as rewritten:			
"(4) The State Board of Education shall evaluate abstinence until marriage			
	curricula and their learning materials and shall develop and maintain a			
	recommended list of one or more approved abstinence until marriage			
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recommended list of one of more approved abstinence until marriage curricula. The State Board may develop an abstinence until marriage program to include on the recommended list. The State Board of Education shall not select or develop a program for inclusion on the recommended list that does not include the positive benefits of abstinence until marriage and the risks of premarital sexual activity as the primary focus. The State Board shall include on the recommended list only programs that include, in appropriate grades and classes, instruction that: Each local school administrative unit shall offer an abstinence only until marriage program commencing in the seventh grade that includes the following instruction:

a. Teaches that abstinence from sexual activity outside of marriage is the expected standard for all school-age children;

b. Presents techniques and strategies to deal with peer pressure and offering positive reinforcement;

c. Presents reasons, skills, and strategies for remaining or becoming abstinent from sexual activity;

d. Teaches that abstinence from sexual activity is the only certain means of avoiding out-of-wedlock pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases when transmitted through sexual contact, including HIV/AIDS, and other associated health and emotional problems;



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18					of diseases, including HIV/AID	S, and provide
19					out the value of abstinence;	
20			<u>c.</u>		sexually transmitted diseases. Instruct	
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36					the causes of those behaviors, and risl	
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