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Short Title: Student Screen and Ed./Eating Disorders. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives McGrady, Ramsey, and Cunningham (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS RECEIVE  
3 INFORMATION ANNUALLY ABOUT EATING DISORDERS AND TO DIRECT THE  
4 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT GUIDELINES ON A SCREENING  
5 PROGRAM FOR USE BY LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-12 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

8 "(41) To Adopt Guidelines for Screening Students for Eating Disorders. – The  
9 State Board of Education, in collaboration with the Department of Health  
10 and Human Services, Division of Public Health, shall develop guidelines for  
11 local boards of education on the development and implementation of an  
12 eating disorder screening program, including specifying training needs and  
13 requirements for personnel and volunteers, appropriate opt-out and  
14 exemption procedures, and parental notification procedures for positive  
15 indications of an eating disorder."

16 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

17 "(61) To Ensure That Certain Parents and Students Receive Information Annually  
18 on Eating Disorders. – Local boards of education shall adopt policies to  
19 ensure that students in grades seven through 12 and their parents receive  
20 information annually about the symptoms, treatment, and health risks  
21 associated with eating disorders. A local board may develop an optional  
22 screening program to identify students at risk for eating disorders in  
23 accordance with guidelines adopted by the State Board of Education  
24 pursuant to G.S. 115C-12(41)."

25 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 115C-238.29F(a) reads as rewritten:

26 "(a) Health and Safety Standards. – A charter school shall meet the same health and  
27 safety requirements required of a local school administrative unit. The Department of Public  
28 Instruction shall ensure that charter schools provide parents and guardians with information  
29 about meningococcal meningitis and influenza and their vaccines at the beginning of every  
30 school year. This information shall include the causes, symptoms, and how meningococcal  
31 meningitis and influenza are spread and the places where parents and guardians may obtain  
32 additional information and vaccinations for their children.

33 The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that charter schools provide parents  
34 and guardians with information about cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, human  
35 papillomavirus, and the vaccines available to prevent these diseases. This information shall be  
36 provided at the beginning of the school year to parents of children entering grades five though



1 [through] 12. This information shall include the causes and symptoms of these diseases, how  
2 they are transmitted, how they may be prevented by vaccination, including the benefits and  
3 possible side effects of vaccination, and the places where parents and guardians may obtain  
4 additional information and vaccinations for their children.

5 The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that charter schools provide students  
6 in grades seven through 12 with information annually about the symptoms, treatment, and  
7 health risks associated with eating disorders.

8 The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that charter schools provide students  
9 in grades nine through 12 with information annually on the manner in which a parent may  
10 lawfully abandon a newborn baby with a responsible person, in accordance with G.S. 7B-500.

11 The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that the guidelines for individual  
12 diabetes care plans adopted by the State Board of Education under G.S. 115C-12(31) are  
13 implemented in charter schools in which students with diabetes are enrolled and that charter  
14 schools otherwise comply with the provisions of G.S. 115C-375.3."

15 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 115C-548 reads as rewritten:

16 "**§ 115C-548. Attendance; health and safety regulations.**

17 Each private church school or school of religious charter shall make, and maintain annual  
18 attendance and disease immunization records for each pupil enrolled and regularly attending  
19 classes. Attendance by a child at any school to which this Part relates and which complies with  
20 this Part shall satisfy the requirements of compulsory school attendance so long as the school  
21 operates on a regular schedule, excluding reasonable holidays and vacations, during at least  
22 nine calendar months of the year. Each school shall be subject to reasonable fire, health and  
23 safety inspections by State, county and municipal authorities as required by law.

24 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall ensure that  
25 materials are provided to these schools so that they can provide parents and guardians with  
26 information about meningococcal meningitis and influenza and their vaccines at the beginning  
27 of every school year. This information may be provided electronically or on the Division's Web  
28 page. This information shall include the causes, symptoms, and how meningococcal meningitis  
29 and influenza are spread and the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional  
30 information and vaccinations for their children.

31 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall also ensure that  
32 materials are provided to these schools so that they can provide parents and guardians with  
33 information about cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, human papillomavirus, and the vaccines  
34 available to prevent these diseases. This information may be provided electronically or on the  
35 Division's Web page. This information shall include the causes and symptoms of these  
36 diseases, how they are transmitted, how they may be prevented by vaccination, including the  
37 benefits and possible side effects of vaccination, and the places where parents and guardians  
38 may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children.

39 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall also ensure that  
40 information is available to these schools so that they can provide students with information  
41 annually about the symptoms, treatment, and health risks associated with eating disorders.

42 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall also ensure that  
43 information is available to these schools so that they can provide information on the manner in  
44 which a parent may lawfully abandon a newborn baby with a responsible person, in accordance  
45 with G.S. 7B-500."

46 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 115C-556 reads as rewritten:

47 "**§ 115C-556. Attendance; health and safety regulations.**

48 Each qualified nonpublic school shall make, and maintain annual attendance and disease  
49 immunization records for each pupil enrolled and regularly attending classes. Attendance by a  
50 child at any school to which this Part relates and which complies with this Part shall satisfy the  
51 requirements of compulsory school attendance so long as the school operates on a regular

1 schedule, excluding reasonable holidays and vacations, during at least nine calendar months of  
2 the year. Each school shall be subject to reasonable fire, health and safety inspections by State,  
3 county and municipal authorities as required by law.

4 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall ensure that  
5 materials are provided to each qualified nonpublic school so that the school can provide parents  
6 and guardians with information about meningococcal meningitis and influenza and their  
7 vaccines at the beginning of every school year. This information may be provided  
8 electronically or on the Division's Web page. This information shall include the causes,  
9 symptoms, and how meningococcal meningitis and influenza are spread and the places where  
10 parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children.

11 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall also ensure that  
12 materials are provided to each qualified nonpublic school so that the school can provide parents  
13 and guardians with information about cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, human  
14 papillomavirus, and the vaccines available to prevent these diseases. This information may be  
15 provided electronically or on the Division's Web page. This information shall include the  
16 causes and symptoms of these diseases, how they are transmitted, how they may be prevented  
17 by vaccination, including the benefits and possible side effects of vaccination, and the places  
18 where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their  
19 children.

20 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall also ensure that  
21 information is available to each qualified nonpublic school so that the school can provide  
22 students with information annually about the symptoms, treatment, and health risks associated  
23 with eating disorders.

24 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall also ensure that  
25 information is available to each qualified nonpublic school so that the school can provide  
26 information on the manner in which a parent may lawfully abandon a newborn baby with a  
27 responsible person, in accordance with G.S. 7B-500."

28 **SECTION 6.** G.S. 115C-565 reads as rewritten:

29 **"§ 115C-565. Requirements exclusive.**

30 No school which complies with this Part shall be subject to any other provision of law  
31 relating to education except requirements of law respecting immunization. The Division of  
32 Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall provide to home schools  
33 information about meningococcal meningitis and influenza and their vaccines. This information  
34 may be provided electronically or on the Division's Web page. The information shall include  
35 the causes, symptoms, and how meningococcal meningitis and influenza are spread and the  
36 places where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for  
37 their children.

38 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall also provide to  
39 home schools information about cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, human papillomavirus, and  
40 the vaccines available to prevent these diseases. This information may be provided  
41 electronically or on the Division's Web page. This information shall include the causes and  
42 symptoms of these diseases, how they are transmitted, how they may be prevented by  
43 vaccination, including the benefits and possible side effects of vaccination, and the places  
44 where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their  
45 children.

46 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall also provide to  
47 home schools information annually about the symptoms, treatment, and health risks associated  
48 with eating disorders.

49 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall also provide to  
50 home schools information on the manner in which a parent may lawfully abandon a newborn

1 baby with a responsible person, in accordance with G.S. 7B-500. This information may be  
2 provided electronically or on the Division's Web page."

3 **SECTION 7.** To facilitate the implementation of this act, within 60 days of this act  
4 becoming effective and annually thereafter, the Department of Health and Human Services,  
5 Division of Public Health, shall provide sample educational materials about the symptoms,  
6 treatment, and health risks associated with eating disorders to all of the following: (i) local  
7 school administrative units; (ii) the Department of Public Instruction; and (iii) the Division of  
8 Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration.

9 **SECTION 8.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
10 the 2013-2014 school year.