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HOUSE BILL 758

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

Sponsors: Representatives McGrady, Ramsey, and Cunningham (Primary Sponsors).
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS RECEIVE
INFORMATION ANNUALLY ABOUT EATING DISORDERS AND TO DIRECT THE
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT GUIDELINES ON A SCREENING
PROGRAM FOR USE BY LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that charter schools provide parents and guardians with information about cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, human papillomavirus, and the vaccines available to prevent these diseases. This information shall be



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

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

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

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

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

17 **"§ 115C-548. Attendance; health and safety regulations.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

48 **"§ 115C-556. Attendance; health and safety regulations.**

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

1 requirements of compulsory school attendance so long as the school operates on a regular
2 schedule, excluding reasonable holidays and vacations, during at least nine calendar months of
3 the year. Each school shall be subject to reasonable fire, health and safety inspections by State,
4 county and municipal authorities as required by law.

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

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

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

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

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

30 **"§ 115C-565. Requirements exclusive.**

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

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

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

50 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall also provide to
51 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.