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Short Title: Reproductive Health & Safety Educ. Revisions. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Whitmire.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REVISE THE EXPERTISE REQUIRED FOR REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE  
3 OF MATERIALS USED IN REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND SAFETY EDUCATION  
4 AND TO PROHIBIT TEACHING ABOUT CERTAIN DRUGS THAT MAY CAUSE  
5 SPONTANEOUS ABORTIONS AS A PART OF REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND  
6 SAFETY EDUCATION.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-81(e1)(4) reads as rewritten:

9 "(4) Each local school administrative unit shall provide a reproductive health and  
10 safety education program commencing in the seventh grade that includes the  
11 following instruction:

- 12 a. Teaches that abstinence from sexual activity outside of marriage is  
13 the expected standard for all school-age children.  
14 b. Presents techniques and strategies to deal with peer pressure and  
15 offering positive reinforcement.  
16 c. Presents reasons, skills, and strategies for remaining or becoming  
17 abstinent from sexual activity.  
18 d. Teaches that abstinence from sexual activity is the only certain  
19 means of avoiding out-of-wedlock pregnancy, sexually transmitted  
20 diseases when transmitted through sexual contact, including  
21 HIV/AIDS, and other associated health and emotional problems.  
22 e. Teaches that a mutually faithful monogamous heterosexual  
23 relationship in the context of marriage is the best lifelong means of  
24 avoiding sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS.  
25 f. Teaches the positive benefits of abstinence until marriage and the  
26 risks of premarital sexual activity.  
27 g. Provides opportunities that allow for interaction between the parent  
28 or legal guardian and the student.  
29 h. Provides factually accurate biological or pathological information  
30 that is related to the human reproductive system.  
31 i. Teaches about the preventable risks for preterm birth in subsequent  
32 pregnancies, including induced abortion, smoking, alcohol  
33 consumption, the use of illicit drugs, and inadequate prenatal care.

34 Materials used in this instruction shall be age appropriate for use with  
35 students. Information conveyed during the instruction shall be objective and  
36 based upon scientific research that is peer reviewed and accepted by



1 professionals and credentialed experts in the field of sexual health  
2 education experts."

3 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-81(e1)(4a) reads as rewritten:

4 "(4a) Each local school administrative unit shall also include as part of the  
5 instruction required under subdivision (4) of this subsection the following  
6 instruction:

- 7 a. Teaches about sexually transmitted diseases. Instruction shall include  
8 how sexually transmitted diseases are and are not transmitted, the  
9 effectiveness and safety of all federal Food and Drug Administration  
10 (FDA)-approved methods of reducing the risk of contracting sexually  
11 transmitted diseases, and information on local resources for testing  
12 and medical care for sexually transmitted diseases. Instruction shall  
13 include the rates of infection among pre-teen and teens of each  
14 known sexually transmitted disease and the effects of contracting  
15 each sexually transmitted disease. In particular, the instruction shall  
16 include information about the effects of contracting the Human  
17 Papilloma Virus, including sterility and cervical cancer.
- 18 b. Teaches about the effectiveness and safety of all FDA-approved  
19 contraceptive methods in preventing ~~pregnancy~~ pregnancy, except  
20 for drugs such as those marketed under the name "Preven" or "Plan  
21 B" or any "equivalent drug product" as defined in G.S. 90-85.27(1)  
22 that may cause spontaneous abortions.
- 23 c. Teaches awareness of sexual assault, sexual abuse, and risk  
24 reduction. The instruction and materials shall:
- 25 1. Focus on healthy relationships.
  - 26 2. Teach students what constitutes sexual assault and sexual  
27 abuse, the causes of those behaviors, and risk reduction.
  - 28 3. Inform students about resources and reporting procedures if  
29 they experience sexual assault or sexual abuse.
  - 30 4. Examine common misconceptions and stereotypes about  
31 sexual assault and sexual abuse.

32 Materials used in this instruction shall be age appropriate for use with  
33 students. Information conveyed during the instruction shall be objective and  
34 based upon scientific research that is peer reviewed and accepted by  
35 professionals and credentialed experts in the field of sexual health education.  
36 Each local board of education shall adopt a policy and provide a mechanism  
37 to allow a parent or a guardian to withdraw his or her child from instruction  
38 required under this subdivision."

39 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
40 the 2015-2016 school year.