

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2023**

**SESSION LAW 2023-79
SENATE BILL 389**

AN ACT TO ALLOW PERSONS SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO GIVE OR DONATE BLOOD WITH WRITTEN PARENTAL CONSENT AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE MIDWIFERY STATUTES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 130A-412.31 reads as rewritten:

"§ 130A-412.31. Giving of blood by persons 16 years of age or more.

(a) A person who is 16 or 17 years of age may give or donate blood to an individual, hospital, blood bank, or blood collection center with the written consent of the parent or parents or guardian of the donor.

(b) A person who is ~~16~~18 years of age or more may give or donate blood to an individual, hospital, blood bank or blood collection center without the consent of the parent or parents or guardian of the donor.

(c) It ~~shall be~~is unlawful for a person under the age of 18 years to sell blood."

SECTION 2.(a) Effective October 1, 2023, G.S. 90-178.2(1c), as renumbered and amended by Section 4.3(b) of S.L. 2023-14, reads as rewritten:

"(1c) "Interconceptional care" includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. Gynecologic care, ~~including~~ family planning, ~~perimenopause,~~ perimenopause care, and postmenopause care.
- b. Screening for cancer of the breast and reproductive tract.
- c. Screening for and management of minor infections of the reproductive organs."

SECTION 2.(b) Effective October 1, 2023, G.S. 90-178.2(6), as renumbered and amended by Section 4.3(b) of S.L. 2023-14, reads as rewritten:

"(6) Prenatal care. – Care that focuses on promotion of ~~normal~~a healthy pregnancy using management strategies and therapeutics as indicated and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. Obtaining history with ongoing physical assessment of mother and fetus.
- b. Obtaining and assessing the results of routine laboratory tests.
- b1. Confirmation and dating of pregnancy.
- c. Supervising the use of prescription and nonprescription medications, such as prenatal vitamins, folic acid, and iron."

SECTION 2.(c) Effective October 1, 2023, G.S. 90-178.4(a3), as enacted by Section 4.3(d) of S.L. 2023-14, reads as rewritten:

"(a3) Planned home births attended by a Certified Nurse Midwife shall be limited to low-risk pregnancies. Pregnancies deemed inadvisable for home births by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Committee on Obstetric Practice shall be prohibited. The joint subcommittee of the North Carolina Medical Board and the Board of Nursing created under ~~G.S. 90-18.2~~G.S. 90-18.2, including the four additional members required by subsection (a) of



this section, shall adopt rules governing the safety of home births attended by a Certified Nurse Midwife."

SECTION 2.(d) Effective October 1, 2023, G.S. 90-178.4 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(f) The joint subcommittee shall have the authority to adopt, amend, and repeal rules necessary to administer the provisions of this Article."

SECTION 3. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28th day of June, 2023.

s/ Phil Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved 12:54 p.m. this 7th day of July, 2023