

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 587
HOUSE BILL 853

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A STATE DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Pursuant to G.S. 90-113.4, G.S. 143-473 and this act, the North Carolina Drug Authority shall establish a State Drug Education Program. This program shall consist of the following:

- (1) drug prevention education and training for public school teachers, counselors and administrators;
- (2) drug prevention education and training for community organizations and county/community resource personnel;
- (3) development of a drug education curriculum for use by teachers in the public schools of the State.

Sec. 2. All funds appropriated to the North Carolina Drug Authority for the above stated purposes shall be used to contract with existing public agencies and/or private nonprofit corporations for implementation of the program. In no case shall the North Carolina Drug Authority undertake to implement the program.

Sec. 3. Contracts with existing public agencies and/or private nonprofit corporations shall be instituted to achieve the following goals of a State Drug Education Program:

- (1) to provide drug prevention education training for public school teachers, counselors and administrators. This program shall familiarize teachers, counselors and administrators with the youth drug culture by instruction in basic drug information, the legal aspects of drug abuse, alternatives to drug usage and methods of correlating health information, value development, coping skills and decision-making skills into the general curriculum. Said program shall be consonant with the North Carolina State Plan for Drug Abuse Prevention and approved by the North Carolina Drug Authority.
- (2) implementation of a community resource development program. This program shall develop systems on a county level for drug abuse prevention/education/treatment programs through training of county agency and organization personnel at the local level. This program shall also offer drug prevention education to private citizens and local community groups.
- (3) to develop a curriculum for all grades which will integrate education in health, value development, coping skills and decision-making skills throughout the general school curriculum.

Sec. 4. In implementing the State Drug Education Program, the object shall be for all facets of the program to have a statewide effect, with emphasis on those geographic areas and localities where in the opinion of the North Carolina Drug Authority, the need for such programs is greatest.

Sec. 5. Prior to the expenditure of the funds for any program authorized by this act, the North Carolina Drug Authority shall approve said program and insure that said program and services funded are consonant with the North Carolina State Plan for Drug Abuse Prevention.

Any deviation by a contractee of the Drug Authority from the program approved by the authority shall be grounds for termination of the contract and renovation of funding.

Sec. 6. This act shall become effective July 1, 1973.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 18th day of May, 1973.