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SENATE BILL 1126*

Short Title: Mandatory Drug Education/K-12.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Royall, Cobb, Guy; Allran, Ballance, Basnight, Block, Carpenter, Chalk, Cochran, Conder, Daniel, Daughtry, Ezzell, Hardin, Harris, Hunt of Durham, Hunt of Moore, Johnson of Cabarrus, Kaplan, Martin of Pitt, Martin of Guilford, Marvin, Odom, Parnell, Plyler, Rauch, Raynor, Richardson, Sands, Shaw, Sherron, Simpson, Smith, Soles, Speed, Staton, Swain, Tally, Ward, and Winner.

Referred to: Education.

May 3, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING OF A
COMPREHENSIVE ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE PREVENTION EDUCATION
PROGRAM FOR ALL STUDENTS GRADES K THROUGH TWELVE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-81 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(a3) Alcohol and Drug Education Program to Be Recommended and Implemented:

(1) A comprehensive education program that includes alcohol and drug use prevention education must be available to every child in North Carolina schools in kindergarten through high school.

(2) The State Board of Education shall develop and maintain a recommended list of alcohol and drug use prevention education materials that include components for teacher training and ongoing assessment and evaluation to verify success and ensure the use of up-to-date information and strategies.

(3) The Department of Public Instruction will work to strengthen instructional offerings in the content and skill areas of the Basic Education Program in which alcohol and drug use prevention education is addressed. Curricular materials and resources will be

- 1 developed that meet, extend, and supplement drug and alcohol
2 education as outlined in the North Carolina Standard Course of Study
3 and the Teacher Handbook for the competency-based curriculum.
4 (4) The Department of Public Instruction shall recommend to the State
5 Board of Education any drug use prevention education support
6 materials that should be removed or added to the recommended list of
7 curricular resources developed and maintained by the State Board of
8 Education.
9 (5) Local boards of education may select supplemental alcohol and drug
10 use prevention education materials from the list maintained by the
11 State Board of Education, or develop their own supplemental materials
12 to be approved by the State Board of Education.
13 (6) Local boards of education shall implement alcohol and drug use
14 prevention education as a primary part of their comprehensive health
15 education program.
16 (7) Local boards of education will provide for ongoing evaluation of drug
17 use prevention education resources, to include participation in on-
18 going evaluations with the Department of Public Instruction.
19 (8) Local boards of education must implement an approved drug and
20 alcohol education prevention program for kindergarten through sixth
21 grade by the 1990-91 school year, and for seventh grade through
22 twelfth grade by the 1991-92 school year.
23 (9) Local boards of education will meet educational State accreditation
24 standards related to instruction in preventing alcohol and drug use in
25 grades K-12.
26 (10) The Department of Public Instruction, in conjunction with local school
27 districts, will provide for staff development to train educators and
28 support personnel to implement a comprehensive alcohol and drug use
29 prevention education program.
30 (11) Sequential, age-appropriate instruction will be provided that has the
31 following features:
32 a. Reaches all students in all grades;
33 b. Presents a clear and consistent message that the use of alcohol
34 and illicit drugs and the misuse of other drugs is unhealthy and
35 harmful;
36 c. Reflects current research and theory;
37 d. Includes all abusable substances;
38 e. Utilizes information that is current and accurate;
39 f. Involves students in active 'hands-on' learning experiences;
40 g. Integrates substance abuse education with other health and
41 social issues and other subject and skill areas of the North
42 Carolina Basic Education Program and Standard Course of
43 Study;

- 1 h. Promotes understanding and respect for the law and values of
2 society;
3 i. Encourages health, safe, and responsible attitudes and
4 behaviors;
5 j. Includes strategies to involve parents, family members, and the
6 community;
7 k. Includes information on intervention and treatment services;
8 l. Is continually open to revision, expansion and improvement."

9 Sec. 2. G.S. 7A-304(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

10 "(5) For the comprehensive drug education program set out in G.S. 115C-
11 81(a3), the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be assessed in
12 every criminal case where the defendant is convicted of a felony or
13 enters a plea of guilty or **nolo contendere** to a felony charge, to be
14 remitted to the county school fund of the county in which judgement is
15 entered. Funds derived from the drug education assessment shall be
16 used exclusively for the implementation of the drug education
17 curricula in school administrative units located within that county."

18 Sec. 3. Section 1 of this act shall become effective July 1, 1989. Section 2 of
19 this act shall become effective with respect to offenses committed on or after October 1,
20 1989.