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HOUSE BILL 938*

Short Title: Schools Provide Info on Cervical Cancer. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Alexander, England, Farmer-Butterfield (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Dockham, Earle, Faison, Fisher, Glazier, Goodwin, Harrison, Jeffus, Wainwright, Womble, and Wray.

Referred to: Health, if favorable, Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED SO
3 THAT SCHOOLS PROVIDE INFORMATION TO PARENTS AND
4 GUARDIANS CONCERNING CERVICAL CANCER, CERVICAL DYSPLASIA,
5 HUMAN PAPILOMAVIRUS, AND THE VACCINES AVAILABLE TO
6 PREVENT THESE DISEASES.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

9 "(49) To Ensure that Schools Provide Information Concerning Cervical
10 Cancer, Cervical Dysplasia, Human Papillomavirus, and the Vaccines
11 Available to Prevent These Diseases. – Local boards of education shall
12 ensure that schools provide parents and guardians with information
13 about cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, human papillomavirus, and
14 the vaccines available to prevent these diseases. This information shall
15 be provided at the beginning of the school year to parents of children
16 entering grades five through 12. This information shall include the
17 causes and symptoms of these diseases, how they are transmitted, how
18 they may be prevented by vaccination, and places parents and
19 guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their
20 female children."

21 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-238.29F(a) reads as rewritten:

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

1 where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for
2 their children.

3 The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that charter schools provide
4 parents and guardians with information about cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, human
5 papillomavirus, and the vaccines available to prevent these diseases. This information
6 shall be provided at the beginning of the school year to parents of children entering
7 grades five though 12. This information shall include the causes and symptoms of these
8 diseases, how they are transmitted, how they may be prevented by vaccination, and the
9 places where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations
10 for their female children."

11 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 115C-548 reads as rewritten:

12 **"§ 115C-548. Attendance; health and safety regulations.**

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

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

29 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall also
30 ensure that materials are provided to these schools so that they can provide parents and
31 guardians with information about cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, human
32 papillomavirus, and the vaccines available to prevent these diseases. This information
33 shall be provided at the beginning of the school year to parents of children entering
34 grades five through 12. This information may be provided electronically or on the
35 Division's web page. This information shall include the causes and symptoms of these
36 diseases, how they are transmitted, how they may be prevented by vaccination, and the
37 places where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations
38 for their female children."

39 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 115C-556 reads as rewritten:

40 **"§ 115C-556. Attendance; health and safety regulations.**

41 Each qualified nonpublic school shall make, and maintain annual attendance and
42 disease immunization records for each pupil enrolled and regularly attending classes.
43 Attendance by a child at any school to which this Part relates and which complies with
44 this Part shall satisfy the requirements of compulsory school attendance so long as the

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

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

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

23 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 115C-565 reads as rewritten:

24 **"§ 115C-565. Requirements exclusive.**

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

33 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall also
34 provide to home schools information about cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, human
35 papillomavirus, and the vaccines available to prevent these diseases. This information
36 shall be provided at the beginning of the school year to parents of children entering
37 grades five through 12. This information may be provided electronically or on the
38 Division's Web page. This information shall include the causes and symptoms of these
39 diseases, how they are transmitted, how they may be prevented by vaccination, and the
40 places where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations
41 for their female children."

42 **SECTION 6.** The Division of Public Health, Department of Health and
43 Human Services, shall make available sample educational materials that can be
44 provided to parents and guardians. The Division shall provide these materials to (i)

1 local school administrative units for public schools other than charter schools, (ii) the
2 Department of Public Instruction for charter schools, and (iii) the Division of Nonpublic
3 Education, Department of Administration, for nonpublic schools including home
4 schools. These materials may be provided electronically.

5 **SECTION 7.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007, and applies beginning
6 with the 2007-2008 school year.