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Short Title: Schools Provide Info on Cervical Cancer.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 **"§ 115C-548. Attendance; health and safety regulations.**

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

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

27 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall also
28 ensure that materials are provided to these schools so that they can provide parents and
29 guardians with information about cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, human
30 papillomavirus, and the vaccines available to prevent these diseases. This information
31 may be provided electronically or on the Division's Web page. This information shall
32 include the causes and symptoms of these diseases, how they are transmitted, how they
33 may be prevented by vaccination, and the places where parents and guardians may
34 obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children."

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

36 **"§ 115C-556. Attendance; health and safety regulations.**

37 Each qualified nonpublic school shall make, and maintain annual attendance and
38 disease immunization records for each pupil enrolled and regularly attending classes.
39 Attendance by a child at any school to which this Part relates and which complies with
40 this Part shall satisfy the requirements of compulsory school attendance so long as the
41 school operates on a regular schedule, excluding reasonable holidays and vacations,
42 during at least nine calendar months of the year. Each school shall be subject to
43 reasonable fire, health and safety inspections by State, county and municipal authorities
44 as required by law.

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

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

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

18 "**§ 115C-565. Requirements exclusive.**

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

27 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall also
28 provide to home schools information about cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, human
29 papillomavirus, and the vaccines available to prevent these diseases. This information
30 may be provided electronically or on the Division's Web page. This information shall
31 include the causes and symptoms of these diseases, how they are transmitted, how they
32 may be prevented by vaccination, and the places where parents and guardians may
33 obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children."

34 **SECTION 6.** The Division of Public Health, Department of Health and
35 Human Services, shall make available sample educational materials that can be
36 provided to parents and guardians. The Division shall provide these materials to (i)
37 local school administrative units for public schools other than charter schools, (ii) the
38 Department of Public Instruction for charter schools, and (iii) the Division of Nonpublic
39 Education, Department of Administration, for nonpublic schools including home
40 schools. These materials may be provided electronically.

41 **SECTION 7.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007, and applies beginning
42 with the 2007-2008 school year. However, during the 2007-2008 school year,
43 year-round schools may comply with the provisions of this act by providing the required
44 information no later than September 1, 2007.