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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, including the benefits and possible side effects of 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

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,
9 including the benefits and possible side effects of vaccination, and the places where
10 parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their
11 children."

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

13 **"§ 115C-548. Attendance; health and safety regulations.**

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

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

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

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

23 **"§ 115C-565. Requirements exclusive.**

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

32 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall also
33 provide to home schools information about cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, human
34 papillomavirus, and the vaccines available to prevent these diseases. This information
35 may be provided electronically or on the Division's Web page. This information shall
36 include the causes and symptoms of these diseases, how they are transmitted, how they
37 may be prevented by vaccination, including the benefits and possible side effects of
38 vaccination, and the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional
39 information and vaccinations for their children."

40 **SECTION 6.** The Division of Public Health, Department of Health and
41 Human Services, shall make available sample educational materials that can be
42 provided to parents and guardians. The Division shall provide these materials to (i)
43 local school administrative units for public schools other than charter schools, (ii) the
44 Department of Public Instruction for charter schools, and (iii) the Division of Nonpublic

1 Education, Department of Administration, for nonpublic schools including home
2 schools. These materials may be provided electronically.

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