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HOUSE BILL 378

Short Title: Leon's Law (Dual Enrollment Info Parents). (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Pickett, Cotham, Liu, and Hawkins (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Higher Education, if favorable, Judiciary 3, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 13, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL RECORDS OF MINOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS TO THE PARENTS OF THE DEPENDENT STUDENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Leon's Law."

SECTION 2. Chapter 115D of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Article to read:

"Article 10.

"Academic Records.

"§ 115D-110. Academic records of minor students.

(a) To the extent allowed under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, each community college shall make educational records, as defined in 34 C.F.R. § 99.3, of minor students automatically available to the parents, guardians, or an individual acting as a parent in the absence of a parent or a guardian of the student if the following criteria are met:

(1) The student is below the age of 18.

(2) The student is a dependent student, as defined in section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(3) The parent has not opted out of receiving the records.

(b) Each community college shall require minor students whose educational records are subject to subsection (a) of this section to complete a form, prior to registration in any course at the community college, acknowledging that the parents, guardians, or an individual acting as a parent in the absence of a parent or a guardian of the student has access to the educational records of the student."

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year.

