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HOUSE BILL 842

Short Title: Vis., Hear., Dental Screenings Opt-Out. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Helfrich, Carney, Crawford, and Greenfield (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO CLARIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH SCREENINGS IN SCHOOLS.
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-76.45(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The governing body of a public school unit shall adopt procedures to notify a parent of the following:

- (1) At the beginning of each school year, notice of each health care service offered at his or her child's school and the means for the parent to provide consent for any specific service. A parent's consent to a health care service does not waive the parent's right to access his or her child's educational records or health records or to be notified of changes in his or her child's services or monitoring. A health care service under this subdivision does not include a health care screening.
- (2) At the beginning of each school year, procedures to exercise the parental remedies provided by G.S. 115C-76.60.
- (3) Prior to administration to students in kindergarten through third grade, a copy of any student well-being questionnaire or health screening form and the means for the parent to consent to the use of the questionnaire or form for his or her child.
- (4) Prior to or contemporaneous with changes, notice of changes in services or monitoring related to his or her child's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being and the school's ability to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for that child.
- (5) Prior to any changes in the name or pronoun used for a student in school records or by school personnel, notice to the parent of the change.
- (6) Notice of health care screenings as provided in G.S. 115C-76.46."

SECTION 2. Part 4 of Article 7B of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 115C-76.46. School health care screenings.

(a) A health care screening is one of the following screenings:

- (1) Vision screening.
- (2) Hearing screening.
- (3) Dental screening.
- (4) Developmental screening for cognition, language, and motor function conducted in accordance with G.S. 115C-83.5(a).



1 (b) A public school unit may conduct a health care screening without parental consent
2 but shall provide a parent notice (i) at the beginning of the school year on all screenings to be
3 conducted and (ii) of the results of those screenings for their child."

4 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.