



# HOUSE BILL 222: SUDEP Awareness Week/Training Recommendation.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 222 would designate the week beginning on the second Sunday in November of each year as Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) Awareness Week, and recommend that local boards of education develop and provide training for school personnel that are responsible for students with epilepsy or otherwise predisposed to seizures.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Chapter 103 of the General Statutes designates various special weeks and months including G.S. 103-6. Arbor Week, G.S. 103-8. Indian solidarity week, G.S. 103-11. Disability History and Awareness Month, and G.S. 103-12. Organ Donation Awareness/Donate Life Month.

Article 25A of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes establishes certain requirements for schools in meeting the health needs of students.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Section 1 of House Bill 222 would designate the week beginning on the second Sunday in November of each year as SUDEP Awareness Week in North Carolina.

Section 2 of House Bill 222 would encourage local boards of education to develop and provide seizure awareness training for all teachers and other school personnel who may be responsible for students with epilepsy or students that are otherwise predisposed to seizures.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would be effective when it becomes law.

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