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HOUSE BILL DRH30070-MV-25

Short Title: Parental Consent For Sex Education.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Speciale, Howard, and Pittman (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PARENTAL CONSENT FOR A STUDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN
3 REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND SAFETY EDUCATION.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-81.30 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 115C-81.30. Reproductive health and safety education provided by local school
7 administrative units.

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9 (b) ~~Each local board of education shall adopt a policy and provide a mechanism to allow~~
10 ~~a parent or a legal guardian to withdraw his or her child from instruction required under~~
11 ~~subdivisions (10) through (13) of subsection (a) of this section.~~

12 (c) Parental Review and Consent. – Each school year, before students may participate in
13 any portion of (i) a program that pertains to or is intended to impart information or promote
14 discussion or understanding in regard to the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases,
15 including HIV/AIDS, or to the avoidance of out-of-wedlock pregnancy or (ii) a reproductive
16 health and safety education program, whether developed by the State or by the local board of
17 education, the parents and legal guardians of those students shall be given an opportunity to
18 review the objectives and materials as provided in G.S. 115C-81.25(d). Local boards of education
19 shall adopt policies to provide opportunities ~~either~~ for parents and legal guardians to consent ~~or~~
20 ~~for parents and legal guardians to withhold their consent to the~~ their students' participation in any
21 or all of these programs. A student shall not participate in any program described in this
22 subsection unless the student's parent or legal guardian has consented to the student's
23 participation.

24 (d) Information on Contraceptives and Abortion Referral Services. – Students may
25 receive information from local school administrative units about where to obtain contraceptives
26 and abortion referral services only ~~in accordance with a local board's policy regarding parental~~
27 ~~consent.~~ Any instruction concerning the use of contraceptives or prophylactics shall provide
28 accurate statistical information on their effectiveness and failure rates for preventing pregnancy
29 and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, in actual use among adolescent
30 populations and shall explain clearly the difference between risk reduction and risk elimination
31 through abstinence. The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide the most
32 current available information at the beginning of each school year.

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34 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
35 the 2019-2020 school year.

