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HOUSE BILL 79  
Committee Substitute Favorable 2/23/21  
Senate Education/Higher Education Committee Substitute Adopted 6/8/22

Short Title: Clarify HS Insurance.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 16, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO MAKE CLARIFYING CHANGES TO REQUIREMENTS FOR  
3 CATASTROPHIC INSURANCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-407.65(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b) ~~Participating schools~~ Public school units shall purchase catastrophic insurance for  
7 high school interscholastic athletic ~~activities~~ activities. Public school units may purchase  
8 catastrophic and other accident insurance for students as provided in Part 2 of Article 31A of  
9 Chapter 58 of the General Statutes."

10 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 58-31A-60 reads as rewritten:

11 "**§ 58-31A-60. Catastrophic insurance for covered activities.**

12 (a) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

13 (1) Administering organization. – As defined in G.S. 115C-407.50.

14 (2) Covered activities. – Interscholastic athletic activities that are authorized,  
15 sanctioned, or scheduled by a participating school or by an administering  
16 organization, including school-supervised practice, game-related activity, and  
17 related travel.

18 (3) Covered persons. – Students or school personnel participating in or  
19 responsible for supervising covered activities.

20 (4) Participating school. – ~~As defined in G.S. 115C-407.50.~~ A high school in a  
21 public school unit that elects to offer interscholastic athletic activities.

22 (b) The Commissioner of Insurance shall have the duty to offer accident and catastrophic  
23 insurance coverage for covered persons to participating schools for covered activities.

24 (c) Premiums for accident and catastrophic insurance for covered activities shall be paid  
25 by each participating school in accordance with rates fixed by the Commissioner, and the  
26 Commissioner may purchase from insurers admitted to do business in North Carolina such  
27 insurance as may be necessary."

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

