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HOUSE BILL DRH40343-MTa-25 (01/24)

Short Title: Abuse & Neglect Resources/Anon. Tip Line App. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives White, Hardister, and Meyer (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH  
3 INFORMATION AND RESOURCES ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT,  
4 INCLUDING SEXUAL ABUSE, TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE  
5 ANONYMOUS SAFETY TIP LINE APPLICATION, AND TO MAKE CERTAIN  
6 CHANGES TO UPDATE THE GENERAL STATUTES.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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9 **PART I. POLICY ON ABUSE AND NEGLECT RESOURCES**

10 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 115C-12 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

11 "(46) Duty Regarding Abuse and Neglect. – Upon consideration and  
12 recommendation by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Board  
13 of Education shall adopt a policy to be implemented by local boards of  
14 education to address student awareness of child abuse and neglect, including  
15 sexual abuse. This policy shall include a requirement that the local boards of  
16 education provide students in grades six through 12 with a document at the  
17 beginning of each school year that provides (i) the telephone number used  
18 for reporting abuse to the department of social services in the county in  
19 which the local school administrative unit is located, in accordance with  
20 G.S. 7B-301, and (ii) information about the resources developed pursuant to  
21 G.S. 115C-105.51, including the anonymous safety tip line application."

22 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 115C-218.75(a) reads as rewritten:

23 "(a) Health and Safety Standards. – A charter school shall meet the same health and  
24 safety requirements required of a local school administrative unit. The Department of Public  
25 Instruction shall ensure ~~that~~ the following:

26 (1) That charter schools provide parents and guardians with information about  
27 meningococcal meningitis and influenza and their vaccines at the beginning  
28 of every school year. This information shall include the causes, symptoms,  
29 and how meningococcal meningitis and influenza are spread and the places  
30 where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and  
31 vaccinations for their children.

32 (2) ~~The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that~~ That charter  
33 schools provide parents and guardians with information about cervical  
34 cancer, cervical dysplasia, human papillomavirus, and the vaccines available  
35 to prevent these diseases. This information shall be provided at the  
36 beginning of the school year to parents of children entering grades five



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1 through 12. This information shall include the causes and symptoms of these  
 2 diseases, how they are transmitted, how they may be prevented by  
 3 vaccination, including the benefits and possible side effects of vaccination,  
 4 and the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional  
 5 information and vaccinations for their children.

6 (3) ~~The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that~~ That charter  
 7 schools provide students in grades seven through 12 with information  
 8 annually on the preventable risks for preterm birth in subsequent  
 9 pregnancies, including induced abortion, smoking, alcohol consumption, the  
 10 use of illicit drugs, and inadequate prenatal care.

11 (4) ~~The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that~~ That charter  
 12 schools provide students in grades nine through 12 with information  
 13 annually on the manner in which a parent may lawfully abandon a newborn  
 14 baby with a responsible person, in accordance with G.S. 7B-500.

15 (5) ~~The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that~~ That the  
 16 guidelines for individual diabetes care plans adopted by the State Board of  
 17 Education under G.S. 115C-12(31) are implemented in charter schools in  
 18 which students with diabetes are enrolled and that charter schools otherwise  
 19 comply with the provisions of G.S. 115C-375.3.

20 (6) ~~The Department of Public Instruction shall ensure that~~ That charter schools  
 21 comply with G.S. 115C-375.2A. The board of directors of a charter school  
 22 shall provide the school with a supply of emergency epinephrine  
 23 auto-injectors necessary to carry out the provisions of G.S. 115C-375.2A.

24 (7) That the policy addressing student awareness of child abuse and neglect,  
 25 including sexual abuse, adopted by the State Board of Education under  
 26 G.S. 115C-12(46), is implemented in charter schools."

27 **SECTION 1.(c)** G.S. 115C-238.66 reads as rewritten:

28 "**§ 115C-238.66. Board of directors; powers and duties.**

29 The board of directors shall have the following powers and duties:

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31 (7) Health and safety. – The board of directors shall require that the regional  
 32 school meet the same health and safety standards required of a local school  
 33 administrative unit.

34 The Department of Public Instruction shall ensure that regional schools  
 35 comply with G.S. 115C-375.2A. The board of directors of a regional school  
 36 shall provide the school with a supply of emergency epinephrine  
 37 auto-injectors necessary to carry out the provisions of G.S. 115C-375.2A.

38 The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that the policy  
 39 addressing student awareness of child abuse and neglect, including sexual  
 40 abuse, adopted by the State Board of Education under G.S. 115C-12(46), is  
 41 implemented in regional schools.

42 ...."

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 44 **PART II. ANONYMOUS TIP LINE APPLICATION**

45 **SECTION 2.1.(a)** G.S. 115C-105.49(d) reads as rewritten:

46 "(d) The Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, ~~and in~~  
 47 collaboration with the Department of Public Instruction, Division of Safe and Healthy Schools  
 48 Support, and the Center for Safer Schools—Schools, shall provide guidance and  
 49 recommendations to local school administrative units on the types of multiple hazards to plan  
 50 and respond to, including intruders on school grounds."

51 **SECTION 2.1.(b)** G.S. 115C-105.49A reads as rewritten:

1 **"§ 115C-105.49A. School Risk and Response Management System.**

2 (a) ~~The Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, and the~~  
3 ~~Center for Safer Schools in collaboration with the Department of Public Instruction and the~~  
4 ~~Center for Safer Schools,~~ shall construct and maintain a statewide School Risk and Response  
5 Management System (SRRMS). The system shall fully integrate and leverage existing data and  
6 applications that support school risk planning, exercises, monitoring, and emergency response  
7 via 911 dispatch.

8 (b) In constructing the SRRMS, the Division of Emergency ~~Management~~  
9 ~~of the Department of Public Safety, in collaboration with the Department of Public Instruction~~  
10 ~~and the Center for Safer Schools—Schools,~~ shall leverage the existing enterprise risk  
11 management database, the School Risk Management Planning tool managed by the  
12 ~~Division~~Division of Emergency Management. The Division shall also leverage the local  
13 school administrative unit schematic diagrams of school facilities. Where technically feasible,  
14 the SRRMS shall integrate any anonymous tip lines established pursuant to G.S. 115C-105.51  
15 and any 911-initiated panic alarm systems authorized as part of a SRMP pursuant to  
16 G.S. 115C-47(40). The Division ~~and the Center for Safer Schools~~ shall collaborate with the  
17 Department of Public ~~Instruction—Instruction,~~ the Center for Safer Schools, and the North  
18 Carolina 911 Board in the design, implementation, and maintenance of the SRRMS.

19 (c) All data and information acquired and stored in the SRRMS as provided in  
20 subsections (a) and (b) of this section are not considered public records as the term "public  
21 record" is defined under G.S. 132-1 and shall not be subject to inspection and examination  
22 under G.S. 132-6."

23 **SECTION 2.1.(c)** G.S. 115C-105.51 reads as rewritten:

24 **"§ 115C-105.51. Anonymous tip lines and monitoring and response applications.**

25 (a) Each local school administrative unit is encouraged to develop and operate an  
26 anonymous tip line, in coordination with local law enforcement and social services agencies, to  
27 receive anonymous information on internal or external risks to the school population, school  
28 buildings, and school-related activities. ~~The Department of Public Safety, in consultation with~~  
29 ~~the Department of Public Instruction—Instruction, in consultation with the Department of Public~~  
30 Safety, may develop standards and guidelines for the development, operation, and staffing of  
31 tip lines. Local school administrative units may use the anonymous tip line application  
32 developed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, or another application that meets standards  
33 and guidelines developed by the Department of Public Instruction, to achieve the purposes of  
34 this subsection.

35 ~~The Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, and the~~  
36 ~~Center for Safer Schools, in collaboration with the~~ The Department of Public Instruction,  
37 Division of Safe and Healthy Schools Support, and the Center for Safer Schools, in  
38 collaboration with the Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, shall  
39 implement and maintain an anonymous safety tip line application for purposes of receiving  
40 anonymous student information on internal or external risks to the school population, school  
41 buildings, and school-related activities, and for purposes of receiving student  
42 information on suspected abuse and neglect. Local school administrative units shall inform  
43 students about the application and provide opportunities for students to learn about its purpose  
44 and function. Each local school administrative unit shall work with the Department of Public  
45 Instruction, Division of Safe and Healthy Schools Support, and the Center for Safer Schools to  
46 ensure that employees of the local school administrative unit receive adequate training in its  
47 operation.

48 (c) The Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, ~~and the~~  
49 ~~Center for Safer Schools, in collaboration with the Department of Public Instruction~~ and the  
50 North Carolina 911 Board, in collaboration with the Department of Public Instruction, Division  
51 of Safe and Healthy Schools Support, and the Center for Safer Schools, shall implement and

1 maintain a statewide panic alarm system for the purposes of launching real-time 911 messaging  
2 to public safety answering points of internal and external risks to the school population, school  
3 buildings, and school-related activities. The Department of Public Safety, in consultation with  
4 the Department of Public Instruction and the North Carolina 911 Board, may develop standards  
5 and guidelines for the operations and use of the panic alarm tool.

6 (d) ~~The Department of Public Safety~~ Instruction and the Department of Public Safety  
7 shall ensure that the anonymous safety tip line application is integrated with and supports the  
8 statewide School Risk and Response Management System (SRRMS) as provided in  
9 G.S. 115C-105.49A. Where technically feasible and cost efficient, the Department of Public  
10 Safety ~~is~~ and the Department of Public Instruction are encouraged to implement a single  
11 solution supporting both the anonymous safety tip line application and panic alarm system.

12 (e) All data and information acquired and stored by the anonymous safety tip line  
13 application are not considered public records as the term "public record" is defined under  
14 G.S. 132-1 and shall not be subject to inspection and examination under G.S. 132-6.

15 (f) Notwithstanding subsection (e) of this section, the ~~Division~~ Department of Public  
16 Instruction, Division of Safe and Healthy Schools Support, may collect the annual aggregate  
17 number and type of tips sent to the anonymous tip line. The collection of this aggregate data  
18 shall not have any identifying information on the reporter of the tip, including, but not limited  
19 to, the school where the incident was reported and the date the tip was reported."

20 **SECTION 2.1.(d)** G.S. 115C-105.52 reads as rewritten:

21 "**§ 115C-105.52. School crisis kits.**

22 The Department of Public ~~Instruction~~ Instruction and the North Carolina Center for Safer  
23 Schools, in consultation with the Department of Public ~~Safety through the North Carolina~~  
24 ~~Center for Safer Schools~~ Safety, may develop and adopt policies on the placement of school  
25 crisis kits in schools and on the contents of those kits. The kits should include, at a minimum,  
26 basic first-aid supplies, communications devices, and other items recommended by the  
27 International Association of Chiefs of Police.

28 The principal of each school, in coordination with the law enforcement agencies that are  
29 part of the local board of education's School Risk Management Plan, may place one or more  
30 crisis kits at appropriate locations in the school."

31 **SECTION 2.2.** Section 8.26(n) of S.L. 2015-241 reads as rewritten:

32 "**SECTION 8.26.(n)** By July 1, 2016, the Department of Public Safety shall implement ~~an~~  
33 ~~anonymous safety tip line application and~~ a statewide panic alarm system as required under  
34 ~~G.S. 115C-105.51, as amended by subsection (d) of this section.~~ G.S. 115C-105.51. By July 1,  
35 2018, the Department of Public Instruction shall implement an anonymous safety tip line  
36 application as required under G.S. 115C-105.51."

### 37 38 **PART III. APPROPRIATION**

39 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
40 Public Instruction the sum of seven hundred eight thousand four hundred twenty dollars  
41 (\$708,420) for the 2017-2018 fiscal year to support the anonymous safety tip line application  
42 implemented by the Department of Public Instruction, Division of Safe and Healthy Schools  
43 Support, and the Center for Safer Schools pursuant to G.S. 115C-105.51.

### 44 45 **PART IV. EFFECTIVE DATE**

46 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2017. Section 1 of this act applies  
47 beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.