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

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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



beginning of the school year to parents of children entering grades five through 12. This information shall include the causes and symptoms of these diseases, how they are transmitted, how they may be prevented by vaccination, including the benefits and possible side effects of vaccination, and the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PART II. ANONYMOUS TIP LINE APPLICATION

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

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

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

2 "**§ 115C-105.49A. School Risk and Response Management System.**

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

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

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

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

25 "**§ 115C-105.51. Anonymous tip lines and monitoring and response applications.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 **SECTION 2.1.(d)** G.S. 115C-105.52 reads as rewritten:
22 "**§ 115C-105.52. School crisis kits.**

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

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

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

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

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 **PART IV. EFFECTIVE DATE**

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