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HOUSE BILL 196

Short Title: Parental Consent For Sex Education. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Speciale, Howard, and Pittman (Primary Sponsors).  
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Referred to: Education - K-12, if favorable, Health, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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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.**

8 ...  
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.

33 ...."



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