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Short Title: SUDEP Awareness Week/Training Recommendation. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 8, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT CREATING THE SHANNON LEIGH ADCOCK, STEVEN ANTHONY CHRISTOS,
AND SAMANTHA DAVIS MEMORIAL ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SECOND WEEK
IN NOVEMBER AS SUDEP AWARENESS WEEK IN THE STATE OF NORTH
CAROLINA AND TO RECOMMEND AWARENESS TRAINING FOR SCHOOL
PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR STUDENTS WITH EPILEPSY OR OTHERWISE
PREDISPOSED TO SEIZURES.

Whereas, "SUDEP" is the sudden, unexpected death of a person with epilepsy, who
was otherwise considered healthy; and

Whereas, each year, more than one out of 1,000 people with epilepsy die from
SUDEP; and

Whereas, uncontrolled seizures increase the risk of SUDEP to more than one out of
150; and

Whereas, November is observed as National Epilepsy Awareness Month throughout
the nation; and

Whereas, during National Epilepsy Awareness Month, it is important to also bring
awareness of SUDEP; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 103 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
section to read:

"§ 103-16. SUDEP Awareness Week.

The week beginning on the second Sunday in November of each year is designated as Sudden
Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) Awareness Week in North Carolina."

SECTION 2. Article 25A of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by
adding a new section to read:

"§ 115C-357.7. Seizure awareness training for school personnel.

(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Shannon Leigh Adcock, Steven
Anthony Christos, and Samantha Davis Memorial Act."

(b) It is the goal of the General Assembly to encourage local boards of education to
develop and provide seizure awareness training for all teachers and other school personnel who
may be responsible for students with epilepsy or students that are otherwise predisposed to
seizures."

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

