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SENATE BILL 618*

Short Title: Health Education Courses/Accurate Info. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Lucas; Dannelly, Dorsett, Holloman, Kinnaird, and Malone.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT HEALTH EDUCATION COURSES OFFERED IN
3 PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROVIDE MEDICALLY AND FACTUALLY ACCURATE
4 INFORMATION.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Article 8 of Chapter 115C is amended by adding the following
7 new Part to read:

8 "Part 3B. School Health Education Program.

9 **"§ 115C-102.10. Health education courses.**

10 (a) All health education courses, including abstinence until marriage education,
11 paid for in whole or in part with public funds for use in public schools or elsewhere,
12 shall provide medically and factually accurate information. All material and instruction
13 in classes where health education is taught shall be age appropriate.

14 (b) In addition to medically and factually accurate information, the State Board
15 of Education shall present information that abstinence from sexual intercourse is the
16 most effective means to prevent unwanted teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted
17 diseases, and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) when transmitted sexually.
18 The State Board of Education shall provide students with statistics based on the latest
19 medical information that cite failure and success rates of condoms and other
20 contraceptives in preventing pregnancy, AIDS, and other sexually transmitted diseases.

21 (c) As used in this section, 'medically and factually accurate' means verified or
22 supported by research conducted in compliance with scientific methods and published
23 in peer-review journals, where appropriate, and recognized as accurate and objective by
24 professional organizations and agencies with expertise in the relevant field, including
25 the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the North Carolina
26 Department of Health and Human Services, or the Centers for Disease Control and
27 Prevention."

28 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to school
29 years beginning 2004-2005.