GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2005

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Short Title:	Public School Health Curriculum.	

Sponsors:	Representative Wright.
Referred to:	

1				A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT	то с	ORRE	CT INACCURACIES IN THE USE OF CERTAIN TERMS IN
3	THE	GENE	RAL S	TATUTES PERTAINING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF A
4	SCHO	OOL H	EALTH	I EDUCATION PROGRAM.
5	The Gene	eral Ass	sembly	of North Carolina enacts:
6		SECT	TION 1	.(a) G.S. 115C-81(e1)(1) reads as rewritten:
7	"§ 115C-	81. Ba	sic Ed	ucation Program.
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9	(e1)	Schoo	ol Healt	h Education Program to Be Developed and Administered.
10		(1)	A con	nprehensive school health education program shall be developed
11			and t	aught to pupils of the public schools of this State from
12			kinder	garten through ninth grade. This program includes
13			age-ap	propriate instruction in the following subject areas, regardless of
14			wheth	er this instruction is described as, or incorporated into a
15				ption of, "family life education", "family health education",
16				h education", "family living", "health", "healthful living
17			curric	ulum", or "self-esteem":
18			a.	Mental and emotional health;
19			b.	Drug and alcohol abuse prevention;
20			c.	Nutrition;
21			d.	Dental health;
22			e.	Environmental health;
23			f.	Family living;
24			g.	Consumer health;
25			h.	Disease control;
26			i.	Growth and development;

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1		j. First aid and emergency care, including the teaching of
2		cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the Heimlich
3		maneuver by using hands-on training with mannequins so that
4		students become proficient in order to pass a test approved by
5		the American Heart Association, or American Red Cross;
6		k. Preventing sexually transmitted diseases, including Acquired
7		Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) virus infection,
8		HIV/AIDS, and other communicable diseases;
9		1. Abstinence until marriage education; and
10		m. Bicycle safety.
11	As used in	n this subsection, "HIV/AIDS" means Human Immunodeficiency
12		Immune Deficiency Syndrome."
13		FION 1.(b) G.S. 115C-81(e1)(3), (4), and (5) read as rewritten:
14	"(3)	The State Board of Education shall develop objectives for instruction
15		in the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, including Acquired
16		Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) virus infection, HIV/AIDS, that
17		includes emphasis on the importance of parental involvement,
18		abstinence from sex until marriage, and avoiding intravenous drug use.
19		Any program developed under this subdivision shall present
20		techniques and strategies to deal with peer pressure and to offer
21		positive reinforcement and shall teach reasons, skills, and strategies for
22		remaining or becoming abstinent from sexual activity; for appropriate
23		grade levels and classes, shall teach that abstinence from sexual
24		activity until marriage is the only certain means of avoiding
25		out-of-wedlock pregnancy, most sexually transmitted diseases, and
26		other associated health and emotional problems, and that a mutually
27		faithful monogamous heterosexual relationship in the context of
28		marriage is the best lifelong means of avoiding diseases transmitted by
29		sexual contact, including Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
30		(AIDS);HIV/AIDS, and shall teach the positive benefits of abstinence
31		until marriage and the risks of premarital sexual activity. Any
32		instruction concerning the causes of sexually transmitted diseases,
33		including Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS),
34		HIV/AIDS, in cases where homosexual acts sexual acts prohibited
35		under G.S. 14-177 are a significant means of transmission, shall
36		include the current legal status of those acts.
37	(4)	The State Board of Education shall evaluate abstinence until marriage
38		curricula and their learning materials and shall develop and maintain a
39		recommended list of one or more approved abstinence until marriage
40		curricula. The State Board may develop an abstinence until marriage
41		program to include on the recommended list. The State Board of
42		Education shall not select or develop a program for inclusion on the
43		recommended list that does not include the positive benefits of
44		abstinence until marriage and the risks of premarital sexual activity as
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1	the primary focus. The State Board shall include on the recommended
2	list only programs that include, in appropriate grades and classes,
3	instruction that:
4	a. Teaches that abstinence from sexual activity outside of
5	marriage is the expected standard for all school-age children;
6	b. Presents techniques and strategies to deal with peer pressure
7	and offering positive reinforcement;
8	c. Presents reasons, skills, and strategies for remaining or
9	becoming abstinent from sexual activity;
10	d. Teaches that abstinence from sexual activity is the only certain
11	means of avoiding out-of-wedlock pregnancy, most sexually
12	transmitted diseases, including Acquired Immune Deficiency
13	Syndrome (AIDS), <u>HIV/AIDS</u> , and other associated health and
14	emotional problems;
15	e. Teaches that a mutually faithful monogamous heterosexual
16	relationship in the context of marriage is the best lifelong means
17	of avoiding sexually transmitted diseases, including Acquired
18	Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS); HIV/AIDS;
19	f. Teaches the positive benefits of abstinence until marriage and
20	the risks of premarital sexual activity;
21	g. Provides opportunities that allow for interaction between the
22	parent or legal guardian and the student; and
23	h. Provides factually accurate biological or pathological
24	information that is related to the human reproductive
25	system.system; and
26	i. <u>Teaches how alcohol and drug use lower inhibitions, which</u>
27	may lead to risky sexual behavior.
28	(5) The State Board of Education shall make available to all local school
29	administrative units for review by the parents and legal guardians of
30	students enrolled at that unit any State-developed objectives for
31	instruction, any approved textbooks, the list of reviewed materials, and
32	any other State-developed or approved materials that pertain to or are
33	intended to impart information or promote discussion or understanding
34	in regard to the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, including
35	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), <u>HIV/AIDS</u> , to the
36	avoidance of out-of-wedlock pregnancy, or to the abstinence until
37	marriage curriculum. The review period shall extend for at least 60
38	days before use."
39	SECTION 1.(c) G.S. 115C-81(e1)(7) and (8) read as rewritten:
40	"(7) Each school year, before students may participate in any portion of (i)
41	a program that pertains to or is intended to impart information or
42	promote discussion or understanding in regard to the prevention of
43	sexually transmitted diseases, including Acquired Immune Deficiency
44	Syndrome (AIDS), <u>HIV/AIDS</u> , or to the avoidance of out-of-wedlock
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1	pregnancy, (ii) an abstinence until marriage program, or (iii) a
2	comprehensive sex education program, whether developed by the State
3	or by the local board of education, the parents and legal guardians of
4	those students shall be given an opportunity to review the objectives
5	and materials. Local boards of education shall adopt policies to
6	provide opportunities either for parents and legal guardians to consent
7	or for parents and legal guardians to withhold their consent to the
8	students' participation in any or all of these programs.
9	(8) Students may receive information about where to obtain contraceptives
10	and abortion referral services only in accordance with a local board's
11	policy regarding parental consent. Any instruction concerning the use
12	of contraceptives or prophylactics shall provide accurate statistical
13	information on their effectiveness and failure rates for preventing
14	pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including Acquired
15	Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), HIV/AIDS, in actual use
16	among adolescent populations if information on actual use is available,
17	and shall explain clearly the difference between risk reduction and risk
18	elimination through abstinence."
19	SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to the
20	2006-2007 school year.