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H 568. SCHOOLS MUST PROTECT STUDENT & FAMILY PRIVACY. TO ENSURE THAT THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. Adds new GS 115C-405, which provides that (1) all instructional materials or other materials that will be used in connection with any survey, analysis, or evaluation as part of any program must be available for inspection by children's parents or guardians; (2) no student may be required to submit to a survey, analysis or evaluation that reveals information concerning a list of specified topics (including political affiliations, sex behavior and attitudes, potentially embarrassing psychological problems, and others) without the prior written consent of the student's parent or, if the student is an adult or emancipated minor, of the student; (3) all surveys, analyses, and evaluations subject to the section must be marked "Anonymous and Confidential," and the local school board must maintain the anonymity and confidentiality of students' responses; (4) no student may be disciplined or penalized because of the student's responses to such a survey, analysis, or evaluation; (5) local school administrative units must give parents and students effective notice of their rights under the section; (6) the State Board of Education must adopt rules and policies to implement the section; (7) the Board must establish a review panel in the Dep't of Public Instruction to investigate, process, and review alleged violations of the section and report to the Board any noncompliance that cannot be corrected voluntarily; and (8) the Board must take action it determines appropriate to enforce the section. Effective when it becomes law and applies to all school years beginning with the 2001-2002 school year.

Intro. by Ellis.

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