## March 31, 2003

**S 618. HEALTH EDUCATION COURSES/ACCURATE INFO.** *TO REQUIRE THAT HEALTH EDUCATION COURSES OFFERED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROVIDE MEDICALLY AND FACTUALLY ACCURATE INFORMATION.* Adds new GS 115C-102.10 to require all health education courses, including abstinence until marriage education, paid for with any public funds for use in public schools or elsewhere to provide "medically and factually accurate information" as defined in act. Requires materials and instruction to be age appropriate. Requires State Board of Education to present information that abstinence from sexual intercourse is the most effective means to prevent unwanted pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and AIDS when transmitted sexually. State Board must also provide students with statistics on failure and success rates of condoms and other contraceptives in preventing pregnancy, AIDS, and sexually transmitted diseases. Applies to school years beginning 2004-05.

## Intro. by Lucas.

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