

February 3, 2009

**H 42. SCIENCE SAFETY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.** Filed 2/3/09. *TO IMPLEMENT SCIENCE SAFETY MEASURES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.*

Enacts GS 115C-81.4 requiring each local board of education (local board), prior to July 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, to certify to the State Board of Education (SBE) that its high school science laboratories are equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment for students and teachers. Directs each local board to ensure that: (1) all of its high schools and middle schools are in compliance with SBE policies related to science laboratory safety and (2) an appropriate administrative person is designated as the science safety officer.

Amends GS 115C-296(b) to direct the SBE, in consultation with local boards and the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina, to evaluate and modify as necessary the academic requirements for students preparing to teach science in middle and high schools to ensure that they receive adequate preparation regarding issues related to science laboratory safety.

Amends GS 115C-521 to prohibit a local board from investing any funds in the building of a new middle or high school until the plans for the science areas of the proposed buildings have been reviewed by the SBE, or an entity licensed or authorized by the SBE, and certified to meet accepted professional standards for school laboratories, preparation rooms, and stockrooms.

**Intro. by Glazier.**

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March 18, 2009

**H 42. SCIENCE SAFETY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.** Filed 2/3/09. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Adds a requirement for middle school science laboratories to be certified pursuant to new GS 115C-81.4. Deletes clause requiring an administrative person to be designated as the science safety officer. Amends proposed GS 115C-521 to prohibit beginning construction of (was, investing any money in) any new middle or high school buildings until the plans for the science areas have been reviewed and approved (was, certified) to meet safety standards. Makes technical changes.

March 30, 2009

**H 42. SCIENCE SAFETY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.** Filed 2/3/2009. House amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Simplifies provisions in proposed new subsection (c1) of GS 115C-321 regarding construction of school science laboratory areas by requiring that the local board of education not apply for a certificate of occupancy before the plans for such areas have been reviewed and approved to meet accepted safety standards, deleting language that specifically included preparation rooms and stockrooms in the requirement and that specifically referred to approval of the plans from the State Board of Education or an agency licensed by it.

June 8, 2009

**SL 2009-59 (H 42). SCIENCE SAFETY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT SCIENCE SAFETY MEASURES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.** Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 2/3/09, 3/18/09, and 3/30/09. Enacted June 5, 2009. Effective June 5, 2009.