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Short Title: Health Curriculum/Preterm Birth. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Daniel, Tillman, and Randleman (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INCLUDE INSTRUCTION IN THE SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION
3 PROGRAM ON THE PREVENTABLE CAUSES OF PRETERM BIRTH, INCLUDING
4 INDUCED ABORTION AS A CAUSE OF PRETERM BIRTH IN SUBSEQUENT
5 PREGNANCIES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA CHILD
6 FATALITY TASK FORCE.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-81(e1)(1) reads as rewritten:

9 "(e1) School Health Education Program to Be Developed and Administered.

10 (1) A comprehensive school health education program shall be developed and
11 taught to pupils of the public schools of this State from kindergarten through
12 ninth grade. This program includes age-appropriate instruction in the
13 following subject areas, regardless of whether this instruction is described
14 as, or incorporated into a description of, "family life education", "family
15 health education", "health education", "family living", "health", "healthful
16 living curriculum", or "self-esteem":

- 17 a. Mental and emotional health.
18 b. Drug and alcohol abuse prevention.
19 c. Nutrition.
20 d. Dental health.
21 e. Environmental health.
22 f. Family living.
23 g. Consumer health.
24 h. Disease control.
25 i. Growth and development.
26 j. First aid and emergency care, including the teaching of
27 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the Heimlich maneuver by
28 using hands-on training with mannequins so that students pass a test
29 approved by the American Heart Association, or American Red
30 Cross. Schools shall use for this purpose an instructional program
31 developed by the American Heart Association, the American Red
32 Cross, or other nationally recognized programs that is based on the
33 most current national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care
34 guidelines for CPR. Schools shall maintain documentation in an
35 electronic database that students have successfully completed CPR
36 instruction to meet Healthy Living Essential Standards. Successful



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- 1 completion of instruction in CPR shall be a requirement for high
- 2 school graduation by the 2014-2015 school year.
- 3 k. Preventing sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, and
- 4 other communicable diseases.
- 5 l. Reproductive health and safety education. The instruction program
- 6 shall include information about the preventable causes of preterm
- 7 birth, including induced abortion as a cause of preterm birth in
- 8 subsequent pregnancies.
- 9 m. Bicycle safety.

10 As used in this subsection, "HIV/AIDS" means Human
11 Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome."

12 **SECTION 2.** To facilitate the implementation of this act, within 60 days of this act
13 becoming effective and annually thereafter, the Department of Health and Human Services,
14 Division of Public Health, shall provide to the Department of Public Instruction sample
15 educational materials with the most current information available about the preventable causes
16 of preterm birth, including induced abortion as a cause of preterm birth in subsequent
17 pregnancies.

18 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
19 the 2013-2014 school year.