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SENATE BILL DRS15426-NGa-111B

Short Title: Parents' Bill of Rights.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Batch, Fitch, and Garrett (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ENUMERATE THE RIGHTS HELD BY PARENTS RELATED TO THE
3 UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THEIR
4 MINOR CHILD.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Subchapter VI of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by
7 adding a new Article to read:

8 "Article 29E.

9 "Parents' Bill of Rights.

10 "**§ 115C-407.50. Parents' bill of rights.**

11 A parent has the right to the following:

- 12 (1) To access and review all education records, as authorized by the federal
13 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, relating to his
14 or her child.
- 15 (2) To make health care decisions for his or her child, unless otherwise provided
16 by law, including Article 1A of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes.
- 17 (3) To have access to transparent data about school and district academic
18 performance data.
- 19 (4) To have access to information, data, and statistics as to the successes,
20 shortcomings, or failures of each school his or her child is allowed to attend.
- 21 (5) To know the nutrition facts of his or her child's meals.
- 22 (6) For his or her child to have a fully resourced classroom with the tools and
23 technology to deliver curriculum requirements as required by the North
24 Carolina Constitution.
- 25 (7) To receive timely notification of information related to his or her child's
26 health, well-being, and education.
- 27 (8) To know of threats to his or her child's safety, whether to the child individually
28 or to the school or local school administrative unit as a whole.
- 29 (9) To have his or her child diagnosed and served by the education system for any
30 learning disabilities that may affect the child's educational outcomes.
- 31 (10) To be able to sit in his or her child's class, so long as it is within reasonable
32 limits set by the local school administrative unit."

33 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
34 Public Instruction the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in nonrecurring funds for the
35 2022-2023 fiscal year to create a public awareness campaign to inform parents of their rights
36 regarding their child's education.



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1 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
2 the 2022-2023 school year.