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HOUSE BILL DRH40138-NHa-56

Short Title: Diabetes Education for Parents.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Cotham.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT  
3 DIABETES TO PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDIANS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-375.3 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 115C-375.3. Guidelines to support and assist students with diabetes.

7 (a) ~~Local boards of education and boards of directors of charter schools~~ Governing bodies  
8 of public school units shall ensure that the guidelines adopted by the State Board of Education  
9 under G.S. 115C-12(31) are implemented in schools in which students with diabetes are enrolled.  
10 In particular, the boards shall require the implementation of the procedures set forth in those  
11 guidelines for the development and implementation of individual diabetes care plans. The boards  
12 also shall make available necessary information and staff development to teachers and school  
13 personnel in order to appropriately support and assist students with diabetes in accordance with  
14 their individual diabetes care plans.

15 (b) Governing bodies of public school units shall ensure that each school provides parents  
16 and legal guardians with information about type 1 and type 2 diabetes at the beginning of every  
17 school year. This information shall include all of the following:

- 18 (1) A description of type 1 and type 2 diabetes.  
19 (2) A description of the risk factors and warning signs associated with type 1 and  
20 type 2 diabetes.  
21 (3) A recommendation that if a student is displaying warning signs associated  
22 with diabetes, the parent or guardian of the student consult with the primary  
23 care provider of the student to determine if immediate screening for diabetes  
24 is appropriate.  
25 (4) A description of the screening process for and stages of diabetes.  
26 (5) A recommendation that if a student receives a diabetes diagnosis, the parent  
27 or guardian of the student consult with the primary care provider of the student  
28 to develop an appropriate treatment plan.  
29 (6) Notification that the school is required to assist students with diabetes in  
30 accordance with the rules adopted by the State Board of Education pursuant  
31 to G.S. 115C-12(31)."

32 SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
33 Public Instruction the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in nonrecurring funds for the  
34 2025-2026 fiscal year to assist the Department in developing and distributing guidance to public  
35 school units on implementing the provisions of this act.



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1                   **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2025, and applies beginning with  
2 the 2025-2026 school year.