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HOUSE BILL DRH10437-NH-148

Short Title: Reporting of Sexual Assault on School Buses.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Cotham.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE REPORTS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT OR HARASSMENT TO
3 SPECIFY IF THE INCIDENT OCCURRED ON A SCHOOL BUS, TO INCREASE THE
4 FREQUENCY OF ACTS OF SCHOOL VIOLENCE REPORTING, AND TO ESTABLISH
5 A PENALTY FOR FAILING TO REPORT AN ACT OF VIOLENCE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-12(21) reads as rewritten:

8 "(21) Duty to Monitor Acts of School Violence. – The State Board of Education
9 shall monitor and compile ~~an annual~~ a biannual report on acts of violence in
10 the public ~~schools~~ schools in accordance with the following:

11 a. The State Board shall adopt standard definitions for acts of school
12 violence and shall require local boards of education to report them
13 within five days of the act occurring to the State Board in a standard
14 format adopted by the State Board. The State Board shall require local
15 boards of education to specify in their reports if an act of violence
16 occurred on a school bus and the State Board shall include this data in
17 the reports required under this subdivision. Failure of an employee of
18 a local school administrative unit or a member of a local board of
19 education to make a report to the State Board as required by this
20 sub-subdivision is a Class I felony.

21 b. The State Board shall submit its report on acts of violence in the public
22 schools to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the
23 House of Representatives, and the Joint Legislative Education
24 Oversight Committee by March 15 of each year at the end of the
25 second and fourth quarters of each school year.

26 c. Reports submitted pursuant to this subdivision are public record,
27 except that any sensitive identifying information from the report shall
28 be redacted for the privacy of minors."

29 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
30 the 2025-2026 school year.

