

## **HOUSE BILL 60: SUDEP Awareness Week.**

## 2023-2024 General Assembly

**Committee:** House State Government. If favorable, re-refer **Date:** 

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to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the

House

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 60 would designate the week beginning on the second Sunday in November of each year as Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) Awareness Week, and encourage local boards of education to develop and provide training for school personnel that are responsible for students with epilepsy or otherwise predisposed to seizures.

**CURRENT LAW:** Chapter 103 of the General Statutes designates various special days, weeks, and months including G.S. 103-6. Arbor Week, G.S. 103-8. Indian solidarity week, G.S. 103-11. Disability History and Awareness Month, and G.S. 103-12. Organ Donation Awareness/Donate Life Month.

Article 25A of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes establishes certain requirements for schools in meeting the health needs of students.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Section 1 of House Bill 60 would designate the week beginning on the second Sunday in November of each year as SUDEP Awareness Week in North Carolina.

Section 2 of House Bill 60 would encourage local boards of education to develop and provide seizure awareness training for all teachers and other school personnel who may be responsible for students with epilepsy or students that are otherwise predisposed to seizures.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would be effective when it becomes law.

