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SENATE DRS65167-LN-104A* (3/25)

Short Title: Health Education Courses/Accurate Info.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Lucas.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT HEALTH EDUCATION COURSES OFFERED IN
PUBLIC SCHOOLS PROVIDE MEDICALLY AND FACTUALLY ACCURATE
INFORMATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Article 8 of Chapter 115C is amended by adding the following
new Part to read:

"Part 3B. School Health Education Program.

"§ 115C-102.10. Health education courses.

(a) All health education courses, including abstinence until marriage education, paid for in whole or in part with public funds for use in public schools or elsewhere, shall provide medically and factually accurate information. All material and instruction in classes where health education is taught shall be age appropriate.

(b) In addition to medically and factually accurate information, the State Board of Education shall present information that abstinence from sexual intercourse is the most effective means to prevent unwanted teenage pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) when transmitted sexually. The State Board of Education shall provide students with statistics based on the latest medical information that cite failure and success rates of condoms and other contraceptives in preventing pregnancy, AIDS, and other sexually transmitted diseases.

(c) As used in this section, 'medically and factually accurate' means verified or supported by research conducted in compliance with scientific methods and published in peer-review journals, where appropriate, and recognized as accurate and objective by professional organizations and agencies with expertise in the relevant field, including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention."

1 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to school
2 years beginning 2004-2005.