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Short Title: Info. On Lawful Abandonment.

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Sponsors:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS IN GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE
3 RECEIVE INFORMATION ANNUALLY ABOUT THE MANNER IN WHICH A
4 PARENT MAY LAWFULLY ABANDON A NEWBORN BABY WITH A
5 RESPONSIBLE PERSON.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

8 "**§ 115C-47. Powers and duties generally.**

9 In addition to the powers and duties designated in G.S. 115C-36, local boards of
10 education shall have the power or duty:

11 ...

12 (50) To Ensure That Certain Students Receive Information Annually on
13 Lawfully Abandoning a Newborn Baby. – Not later than August 1,
14 2008, local boards of education shall adopt policies to ensure that
15 students in grades nine through 12 receive information annually on the
16 manner in which a parent may lawfully abandon a newborn baby with
17 a responsible person, in accordance with G.S. 7B-500."

18 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-238.29F(a), as amended by Section 2 of S.L.
19 2007-59, reads as rewritten:

20 "(a) Health and Safety Standards. – A charter school shall meet the same health
21 and safety requirements required of a local school administrative unit. The Department
22 of Public Instruction shall ensure that charter schools provide parents and guardians
23 with information about meningococcal meningitis and influenza and their vaccines at
24 the beginning of every school year. This information shall include the causes,
25 symptoms, and how meningococcal meningitis and influenza are spread and the places
26 where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for
27 their children.

1 The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that charter schools provide
2 parents and guardians with information about cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, human
3 papillomavirus, and the vaccines available to prevent these diseases. This information
4 shall be provided at the beginning of the school year to parents of children entering
5 grades five through 12. This information shall include the causes and symptoms of these
6 diseases, how they are transmitted, how they may be prevented by vaccination,
7 including the benefits and possible side effects of vaccination, and the places where
8 parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for their
9 children.

10 The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that charter schools provide
11 students in grades nine through 12 with information annually on the manner in which a
12 parent may lawfully abandon a newborn baby with a responsible person, in accordance
13 with G.S.7B-500."

14 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 115C-548, as amended by Section 3 of S.L. 2007-59,
15 reads as rewritten:

16 "**§ 115C-548. Attendance; health and safety regulations.**

17 Each private church school or school of religious charter shall make, and maintain
18 annual attendance and disease immunization records for each pupil enrolled and
19 regularly attending classes. Attendance by a child at any school to which this Part
20 relates and which complies with this Part shall satisfy the requirements of compulsory
21 school attendance so long as the school operates on a regular schedule, excluding
22 reasonable holidays and vacations, during at least nine calendar months of the year.
23 Each school shall be subject to reasonable fire, health and safety inspections by State,
24 county and municipal authorities as required by law.

25 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall ensure
26 that materials are provided to these schools so that they can provide parents and
27 guardians with information about meningococcal meningitis and influenza and their
28 vaccines at the beginning of every school year. This information may be provided
29 electronically or on the Division's Web page. This information shall include the causes,
30 symptoms, and how meningococcal meningitis and influenza are spread and the places
31 where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and vaccinations for
32 their children.

33 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall also
34 ensure that materials are provided to these schools so that they can provide parents and
35 guardians with information about cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, human
36 papillomavirus, and the vaccines available to prevent these diseases. This information
37 may be provided electronically or on the Division's Web page. This information shall
38 include the causes and symptoms of these diseases, how they are transmitted, how they
39 may be prevented by vaccination, including the benefits and possible side effects of
40 vaccination, and the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional
41 information and vaccinations for their children.

42 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall also
43 ensure that information is available to these schools so that they can provide

1 information on the manner in which a parent may lawfully abandon a newborn baby
2 with a responsible person, in accordance with G.S.7B-500."

3 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 115C-556, as amended by Section 4 of S.L. 2007-59,
4 reads as rewritten:

5 "**§ 115C-556. Attendance; health and safety regulations.**

6 Each qualified nonpublic school shall make, and maintain annual attendance and
7 disease immunization records for each pupil enrolled and regularly attending classes.
8 Attendance by a child at any school to which this Part relates and which complies with
9 this Part shall satisfy the requirements of compulsory school attendance so long as the
10 school operates on a regular schedule, excluding reasonable holidays and vacations,
11 during at least nine calendar months of the year. Each school shall be subject to
12 reasonable fire, health and safety inspections by State, county and municipal authorities
13 as required by law.

14 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall ensure
15 that materials are provided to each qualified nonpublic school so that the school can
16 provide parents and guardians with information about meningococcal meningitis and
17 influenza and their vaccines at the beginning of every school year. This information
18 may be provided electronically or on the Division's Web page. This information shall
19 include the causes, symptoms, and how meningococcal meningitis and influenza are
20 spread and the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional information
21 and vaccinations the benefits and possible side effects of vaccination for their children.

22 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall also
23 ensure that materials are provided to each qualified nonpublic school so that the school
24 can provide parents and guardians with information about cervical cancer, cervical
25 dysplasia, human papillomavirus, and the vaccines available to prevent these diseases.
26 This information may be provided electronically or on the Division's Web page. This
27 information shall include the causes and symptoms of these diseases, how they are
28 transmitted, how they may be prevented by vaccination, including the benefits and
29 possible side effects of vaccination, and the places where parents and guardians may
30 obtain additional information and vaccinations for their children.

31 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall also
32 ensure that information is available to each qualified nonpublic school so that the school
33 can provide information on the manner in which a parent may lawfully abandon a
34 newborn baby with a responsible person, in accordance with G.S.7B-500."

35 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 115C-565, as amended by Section 5 of S.L. 2007-59,
36 reads as rewritten:

37 "**§ 115C-565. Requirements exclusive.**

38 No school which complies with this Part shall be subject to any other provision of
39 law relating to education except requirements of law respecting immunization. The
40 Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall provide to home
41 schools information about meningococcal meningitis and influenza and their vaccines.
42 This information may be provided electronically or on the Division's Web page. The
43 information shall include the causes, symptoms, and how meningococcal meningitis and

1 influenza are spread and the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional
2 information and vaccinations for their children.

3 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall also
4 provide to home schools information about cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, human
5 papillomavirus, and the vaccines available to prevent these diseases. This information
6 may be provided electronically or on the Division's Web page. This information shall
7 include the causes and symptoms of these diseases, how they are transmitted, how they
8 may be prevented by vaccination, including the benefits and possible side effects of
9 vaccination, and the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional
10 information and vaccinations for their children.

11 The Division of Nonpublic Education, Department of Administration, shall also
12 provide to home schools information on the manner in which a parent may lawfully
13 abandon a newborn baby with a responsible person, in accordance with G.S. 7B-500.
14 This information may be provided electronically or on the Division's Web page."

15 **SECTION 6.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies
16 beginning with the 2008-2009 school year.