

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2005**

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**HOUSE BILL 683**

Short Title: Add Info on Protecting Newborn to Curriculum. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Haire, Fisher, Justice (Primary Sponsors); and Jones.

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Referred to: Education Subcommittee on Pre-School, Elementary and Secondary Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO INCLUDE INFORMATION IN THE SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION  
3 PROGRAM ABOUT THE MANNER IN WHICH A PARENT MAY LAWFULLY  
4 ABANDON A NEWBORN BABY WITH A RESPONSIBLE PERSON AND TO  
5 DIRECT LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO ENSURE THAT HIGH  
6 SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE THAT INFORMATION.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-81(e1) reads as rewritten:

9 "(1) A comprehensive school health education program shall be developed  
10 and taught to pupils of the public schools of this State from  
11 kindergarten through ninth grade. This program includes  
12 age-appropriate instruction in the following subject areas, regardless of  
13 whether this instruction is described as, or incorporated into a  
14 description of, "family life education", "family health education",  
15 "health education", "family living", "health", "healthful living  
16 curriculum", or "self-esteem":

- 17 a. Mental and emotional health;  
18 b. Drug and alcohol abuse prevention;  
19 c. Nutrition;  
20 d. Dental health;  
21 e. Environmental health;  
22 f. Family living;  
23 g. Consumer health;  
24 h. Disease control;  
25 i. Growth and development;  
26 j. First aid and emergency care, including the teaching of  
27 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the Heimlich  
28 maneuver by using hands-on training with mannequins so that

1 students become proficient in order to pass a test approved by  
2 the American Heart Association, or American Red Cross;

3 k. Preventing sexually transmitted diseases, including Acquired  
4 Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) virus infection, and  
5 other communicable diseases;

6 l. Abstinence until marriage education; ~~and~~

7 m. Bicycle ~~safety~~-safety; and

8 n. Information on the manner in which a parent may lawfully  
9 abandon a newborn baby with a responsible person, in  
10 accordance with G.S. 7B-500."

11 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

12 "**§ 115C-47. Powers and duties generally.**

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

15 ...

16 (45) To Ensure That High School Students Receive Annual Instruction on  
17 Lawfully abandoning a Newborn Baby. – Local boards of education  
18 shall adopt policies to ensure that high school students receive  
19 instruction annually on the manner in which a parent may lawfully  
20 abandon a newborn baby with a responsible person, in accordance with  
21 G.S. 7B-500."

22 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.