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SENATE BILL 738  
Education/Higher Education Committee Substitute Adopted 5/6/09

Short Title: Diabetes Control Plans in Charter Schools. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF CHARTER SCHOOLS TO IMPLEMENT THE GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF INDIVIDUAL DIABETES CARE PLANS AND TO REQUIRE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION AND BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF CHARTER SCHOOLS TO REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ABOUT THEIR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE GUIDELINES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-375.3 is amended as follows:

"§ 115C-375.3. **Guidelines to support and assist students with diabetes.**

Local boards of education and boards of directors of charter schools shall ensure that the guidelines adopted by the State Board of Education under G.S. 115C-12(31) are implemented in schools in which students with diabetes are enrolled. In particular, the boards shall require the implementation of the procedures set forth in those guidelines for the development and implementation of individual diabetes care plans. ~~Local~~The boards also shall make available necessary information and staff development to teachers and school personnel in order to appropriately support and assist students with diabetes in accordance with their individual diabetes care plans. Local boards of education and boards of directors of charter schools shall report to the State Board of Education annually, on or before July 15, whether they have students with diabetes enrolled and provide information showing compliance with the guidelines adopted by the State Board of Education under G.S. 115C-12(31)."

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-238.29F(a) reads as rewritten:

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

The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that charter schools provide parents and guardians with information about cervical cancer, cervical dysplasia, human papillomavirus, and the vaccines available to prevent these diseases. This information shall be provided at the beginning of the school year to parents of children entering grades five through 12. This information shall include the causes and symptoms of these diseases, how they are transmitted, how they may be prevented by vaccination, including the benefits and possible



1 side effects of vaccination, and the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional  
2 information and vaccinations for their children.

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

6 The Department of Public Instruction shall also ensure that the guidelines for individual  
7 diabetes care plans adopted by the State Board of Education under G.S. 115C-12(31) are  
8 implemented in charter schools in which students with diabetes are enrolled and that charter  
9 schools otherwise comply with the provisions of G.S. 115C-375.3."

10 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
11 the 2009-2010 school year.