

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 457

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTION ON THE PERFORMANCE OF CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND THE HEIMLICH MANEUVER.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-81(e1)(1) reads as rewritten:

"(e1) School Health Education Program to Be Developed and Administered.

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

- a. Mental and emotional health;
- b. Drug and alcohol abuse prevention;
- c. Nutrition;
- d. Dental health;
- e. Environmental health;
- f. Family living;
- g. Consumer health;
- h. Disease control;
- i. Growth and development;
- j. First aid and emergency care; care, including the teaching of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the Heimlich maneuver by using hands-on training with mannequins so that students become proficient in order to pass a test approved by the American Heart Association, or American Red Cross.
- k. Preventing sexually transmitted diseases, including Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) virus infection, and other communicable diseases;
- l. Abstinence until marriage education; and
- m. Bicycle safety."

Section 2. G.S. 115C-81(c) reads as rewritten:

"(c) **(For effective date see notes)** Local boards of education shall provide for the efficient teaching at appropriate grade levels of all materials set forth in the standard course of study, including integrated instruction in the areas of citizenship in the United States of America, government of the State of North Carolina, government of the United States, fire prevention, the free enterprise ~~system, system, and~~ the dangers of harmful or illegal drugs, including ~~alcohol, and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the Heimlich maneuver.~~ alcohol.

Except when a board authorizes teaching in a foreign language in order to comply with federal law, local boards of education shall require all teachers and principals to conduct classes except foreign language classes in English. Any teacher or principal who refuses to do so may be dismissed."

Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 24th day of June, 1997.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.  
Governor

Approved 4:28 p.m. this 3rd day of July, 1997