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SENATE BILL DRS45186-NH-91

Short Title: Ban Delta-8 & Delta-9 on School Grounds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Lazzara, Perry, and McInnis (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO BAN DELTA-8 AND DELTA-9 PRODUCTS FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** The title of Article 29A of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes reads
5 as rewritten:

6 "Article 29A.

7 "Policy Prohibiting Use Of Tobacco and Hemp Products."

8 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-407 reads as rewritten:

9 **"§ 115C-407. Policy prohibiting tobacco use in school buildings, grounds, and at**
10 **school-sponsored events.**

11 (a) ~~Not later than August 1, 2008, local boards of education~~ Governing bodies of public
12 school units shall adopt, implement, and enforce ~~adopt~~ a written policy prohibiting at all times
13 the use of any tobacco product by any person in school buildings, in school facilities, on school
14 campuses, and in or on any other school property owned or operated by the ~~local school~~
15 administrative public school unit. The policy shall further prohibit the use of all tobacco products
16 by persons attending a school-sponsored event at a location not listed in this subsection when in
17 the presence of students or school personnel or in an area where smoking is otherwise prohibited
18 by law.

19 (b) The policy shall include at least all of the following elements:

20 (1) Adequate notice to students, parents, the public, and school personnel of the
21 policy.

22 (2) Posting of signs prohibiting at all times the use of tobacco products by any
23 person in and on school property.

24 (3) Requirements that school personnel enforce the policy.

25 (c) The policy may permit tobacco products to be included in instructional or research
26 activities in public school buildings if the activity is conducted or supervised by the faculty
27 member overseeing the instruction or research and the activity does not include smoking,
28 chewing, or otherwise ingesting the tobacco product.

29 (d) The North Carolina Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission shall work with
30 ~~local boards of education~~ governing bodies of public school units to provide assistance with the
31 implementation of this policy including providing information regarding smoking cessation and
32 prevention resources. Nothing in this section, G.S. 143-595 through G.S. 143-601, or any other
33 section prohibits a ~~local board of education~~ governing body of a public school unit from adopting
34 and enforcing a more restrictive policy on the use of tobacco in school buildings, in school
35 facilities, on school campuses, or at school-related or school-sponsored events, and in or on other
36 school property."



1 **SECTION 3.** Article 29A of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by
2 adding a new section to read:

3 **"§ 115C-407.1. Policy prohibiting use of hemp products in school buildings, grounds, and**
4 **at school-sponsored events.**

5 (a) For purposes of this section, the term "hemp products" includes products derived from
6 hemp, as defined in G.S. 90-87, and their synthetic counterparts that are designed, manufactured,
7 or sold to be inhaled or otherwise consumed, including the substances commonly known as
8 "delta-8," "delta-9," and "CBD."

9 (b) Governing bodies of public school units shall adopt a written policy prohibiting at all
10 times the use of any hemp product by any person in school buildings, in school facilities, on
11 school campuses, and in or on any other school property owned or operated by the public school
12 unit. The policy shall further prohibit the use of all tobacco products by persons attending a
13 school-sponsored event at a location not listed in this subsection when in the presence of students
14 or school personnel or in an area where smoking is otherwise prohibited by law.

15 (c) The policy shall include at least all of the following elements:

16 (1) Adequate notice to students, parents, the public, and school personnel of the
17 policy.

18 (2) Posting of signs prohibiting at all times the use of hemp products by any
19 person in and on school property.

20 (3) Requirements that school personnel enforce the policy.

21 (d) The policy may permit hemp products to be included in instructional or research
22 activities in public school buildings if the activity is conducted or supervised by the faculty
23 member overseeing the instruction or research and the activity does not include smoking,
24 chewing, or otherwise ingesting the hemp product.

25 (e) Nothing in this section, G.S. 143-595 through G.S. 143-601, or any other section
26 prohibits a governing body of a public school unit from adopting and enforcing a more restrictive
27 policy on the use of hemp products in school buildings, in school facilities, on school campuses,
28 or at school-related or school-sponsored events, and in or on other school property."

29 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
30 the 2023-2024 school year.