A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO REQUIRE PARENTAL CONSENT FOR A STUDENT’S PARTICIPATION IN
REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND SAFETY EDUCATION.
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-81.30 reads as rewritten:
"§ 115C-81.30. Reproductive health and safety education provided by local school
administrative units.

(b) Each local board of education shall adopt a policy and provide a mechanism to allow
a parent or a legal guardian to withdraw his or her child from instruction required under
subdivisions (10) through (13) of subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Parental Review and Consent. – Each school year, before students may participate in
any portion of (i) a program that pertains to or is intended to impart information or promote
discussion or understanding in regard to the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases,
including HIV/AIDS, or to the avoidance of out-of-wedlock pregnancy or (ii) a reproductive
health and safety education program, whether developed by the State or by the local board of
education, the parents and legal guardians of those students shall be given an opportunity to
review the objectives and materials as provided in G.S. 115C-81.25(d). Local boards of education
shall adopt policies to provide opportunities either for parents and legal guardians to consent or
for parents and legal guardians to withhold their consent to the students’ participation in any
or all of these programs. A student shall not participate in any program described in this
subsection unless the student’s parent or legal guardian has consented to the student’s
participation.

(d) Information on Contraceptives and Abortion Referral Services. – Students may
receive information from local school administrative units about where to obtain contraceptives
and abortion referral services only in accordance with a local board’s policy regarding parental
consent. Any instruction concerning the use of contraceptives or prophylactics shall provide
accurate statistical information on their effectiveness and failure rates for preventing pregnancy
and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS, in actual use among adolescent
populations and shall explain clearly the difference between risk reduction and risk elimination
through abstinence. The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide the most
current available information at the beginning of each school year.

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
the 2019-2020 school year.