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SENATE BILL 375
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Short Title: Harrison's Law.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 24, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO ENACT HARRISON'S LAW TO REVISE THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE OF
HAZING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Harrison's Law."

SECTION 2. G.S. 14-35 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-35. Hazing; definition and punishment.

(a) It is unlawful for any student in attendance at any university, college, or school in this State to engage in hazing, or to aid or abet any other student in the commission of this offense. ~~For the purposes of this section hazing is defined as follows: "to subject another student to physical injury as part of an initiation, or as a prerequisite to membership, into any organized school group, including any society, athletic team, fraternity or sorority, or other similar group."~~ Any violation of this ~~section~~ subsection shall constitute a Class 2-A1 misdemeanor.

(b) It is unlawful for any school personnel, including, but not limited to, a teacher, school administrator, student teacher, school safety officer, or coach, at any university, college, or school in this State to engage in hazing or to aid or abet any other person in the commission of this offense. Any violation of this subsection shall constitute a Class I felony.

(c) For the purposes of this section, hazing is defined as subjecting a student to physical or serious psychological injury as part of an initiation, or as a prerequisite to membership, into any organized school group, including any society, athletic team, fraternity or sorority, or other similar group."

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

