Senate Bill 49 (Session Law 2023-106)

An Act to Enumerate the Rights of Parents to Direct the Upbringing, Education, Health Care and Mental Health of their Minor Children.

PART I. PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS (New Chapter 114A)

- G.S. 114A-1 Definitions
- G.S. 114A-10 Parents' bill of rights [Policy recommended re notice and website posting requirement]
- G.S. 114A-15 Limitations on the right to parent
- G.S. 114A-20 Employee penalties

PART II. PARENTAL GUIDES AND NOTIFICATIONS (Amends Chapter 115C)

- G.S. 115C-76.1 Definitions
- G.S. 115C-76.20 Priority of parental involvement in public school [Policies Required]
- G.S. 115C-76.25 Parent legal rights for their child's education [Policy recommended as with bill of rights]
- G.S. 115C-76.30 Parent's guide for student achievement
- G.S. 115C-76.35 Public school unit policies to increase parental involvement [Policies Required]
- G.S. 115C-76.40 Time lines for parental requests for information [*Policies Required*]
- G.S. 115C-76.45 Notifications of student physical and mental health ["Procedures" Required]
- G.S. 115C-76.50 Student support services training
- G.S. 115C-76.55 Age-appropriate instruction for grades kindergarten through fourth grade
- G.S. 115C-76.60 Remedies for parental concerns ["Procedures" Required]
- G.S. 115C-76.65 Parental rights to opt-in to protected information surveys [Policy Recommended]
- G.S. 115C-76.70 Reporting requirements

[Additional sections re non-substantive changes for alignment in other sections of Chapter 115C]

PART III. PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION FOR HEALTH CARE OF MINORS

[Re health care facilities and practitioners]

PART IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

August 15, 2023 [See later provision in Appropriations Bill setting January 1, 2024 deadline for policies, procedures, notices required by this new law.]

RECOMMENDED POLICIES

- 1. Policy on Parents' Rights
- 2. Parental Involvement Policy
- 3. Parental Information Requests Policy
- 4. Review of Instructional Materials Policy
- 5. Notifications of Student Physical and Mental Health
- 6. Resolution of Parental Concerns Policy
- 7. Policy on Protected Information Surveys