

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 727

Short Title: CFSS Gun Prsnt. for Grade 7 and 9 Students. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Burgin (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 10, 2023

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE CENTER FOR SAFER SCHOOLS TO DEVELOP A
2 PRESENTATION ON THE CONSEQUENCES OF GUN USE AND TO REQUIRE
3 LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS TO PROVIDE THE PRESENTATION TO
4 ALL STUDENTS IN GRADE SEVEN AND GRADE NINE IN PUBLIC SCHOOL UNITS.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-105.57(c) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

8 "(2a) Develop and update, as necessary, an interactive presentation on the legal,
9 medical, and emotional consequences of youth gun possession, substance
10 abuse, gun violence, and gun safety for students in grade seven and grade nine.
11 The Center shall provide training and materials for the presentation to all local
12 school administrative units and shall provide training and materials to any
13 other public school unit which requests to voluntarily give the presentation."

14 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

15 "(68) Duty to provide presentation on consequences of gun use. – Each local school
16 administrative unit shall provide a presentation in accordance with
17 G.S. 115C-105.57(c)(2a) to all students in grade seven and grade nine. No
18 later than 14 days prior to the date on which the presentation is to be given,
19 the local school administrative unit shall ensure that all parents of students
20 that will be receiving the presentation are given notice of the presentation and
21 the opportunity to opt the student out of receiving the presentation."

22 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
23 Public Instruction the sum of nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000) in recurring funds for the
24 2023-2024 fiscal year for the Center for Safer Schools to provide training and materials to enable
25 local school administrative units and other voluntary public school units to give a presentation
26 on the consequences of gun use to students in grade seven and grade nine in accordance with
27 G.S. 115C-105.57(c)(2a), as enacted by this act.

28 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2023, and applies beginning with
29 the 2024-2025 school year.

