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Sponsors: Senator Purcell.

Referred to: Health Care.

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1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT TO MAKE CLARIFYING AND OTHER CHANGES IN THE PUBLIC
3	HEALTH LAW RELATED TO THE MEDICAL EXAMINER SYSTEM, INJURY
4	CONTROL EFFORTS, TIMELINESS OF REPORTS BY SCHOOLS
5	REGARDING IMMUNIZATIONS, AND THE CREATION, EXTENSION, AND
6	DISSOLUTION OF SANITARY DISTRICTS.
7	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
8	SECTION 1. G.S. 130A-47 reads as rewritten:
9	"§ 130A-47. Creation by Commission.
10	(a) For the purpose of preserving and promoting the public health and welfare,
11	the Commission may create sanitary districts without regard for county, township or
12	municipal lines. However, no municipal corporation or any part of the territory in a
13	municipal corporation shall be included in a sanitary district except at the request of the
14	governing board of the municipal corporation. If the municipal corporation has not
15	levied any tax nor performed any official act nor held any elections within a period of
16	four years preceding the date of the petition for the sanitary district, a request of the
17	governing board shall not be required.
18	(b) For the purposes of this Part, the term 'Department' means the Department of
19	Environment and Natural Resources, and the term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of
20	Environment and Natural Resources."
21	SECTION 2. G.S. 130A-155(c) reads as rewritten:
22	"(c) Within 60 calendar days after the commencement of a new school year, the
23	The school shall file an <u>annual</u> immunization report with the Department.Department by
24	November 1. The child care facility shall file an immunization report annually with the
25	Department. The report shall be filed on forms prepared by the Department and shall
26	state the number of children attending the school or facility, the number of children who
27	had not obtained the required immunization within 30 days of their first attendance, the
28	number of children who received a medical exemption and the number of children who
29	received a religious exemption."

General Assembly of North Carolina

1	SECTION 3. Article 7 of Chapter 130A of the General Statutes is amended			
2	by adding a new Part to read:			
3	"Part 6. Injury Prevention.			
4	" <u>§ 130A-224. Department to establish program.</u>			
5	(a) <u>To protect and enhance the public health, welfare, and safety, the Department</u>			
6	shall establish and administer a comprehensive statewide injury prevention program.			
7	The Department shall designate the Division of Public Health as the lead agency for			
8	injury prevention activities. The Division of Public Health shall:			
9	(1) Develop a comprehensive State plan for injury prevention;			
10	(2) <u>Maintain an injury prevention program that includes data collection</u> ,			
11	surveillance, and education and promotes injury control activities; and			
12	(3) Develop collaborative relationships with other State agencies and			
13	private and community organizations to establish programs promoting			
14	injury prevention.			
15	(b) <u>The Commission for Health Services may adopt rules necessary to implement</u>			
16	a statewide injury prevention program."			
17	SECTION 4. G.S. 130A-382 reads as rewritten:			
18	"§ 130A-382. County medical examiners; appointment; term of office; vacancies.			
19 20	One or more county medical examiners for each county shall be appointed by the			
20 21	Chief Medical Examiner for a three-year term. County medical examiners shall be			
21	appointed from a list of physicians licensed to practice medicine in this State submitted by the medical society of the county in which the appointment is to be made. If no			
22	names are submitted by the society, the Chief Medical Examiner shall appoint one or			
23 24	more medical examiners from physicians in the county licensed to practice medicine in			
24 25	this State. In the event no licensed physician in a county accepts an appointment, the			
25 26	Chief Medical Examiner may appoint <u>as acting county medical examiner</u> one or more			
20 27	physicians licensed to practice medicine in this State from other counties or the local			
28	registrar, deputy registrar, subregistrar or coroner.counties, a licensed physician			
29	assistant, a nurse, a coroner, or an individual who has taken an approved course of			
30	training as required by the Chief Medical Examiner. In the event a medical examiner is			
31	unable to serve in a particular case or for a temporary period of time, the Chief Medical			
32	Examiner shall designate a physician licensed to practice medicine in this State, the			
33	local registrar, deputy registrar, subregistrar or coroner. The acting county medical			
34	examiner shall have all the duties and authority of the physician medical examiner			
35	except to perform autopsies. A medical examiner may serve more than one county. The			
36	Chief Medical Examiner may take jurisdiction in any case or appoint another medical			
37	examiner to do so."			
38	SECTION 5. G.S. 130A-381 reads as rewritten:			
39	"§ 130A-381. Additional services and facilities.			
40	In order to provide proper facilities for investigating deaths as authorized in this			
41	Part, the Chief Medical Examiner may arrange for the use of existing public or private			
42	laboratory facilities. Each county shall provide or contract for an appropriate facility for			
43	the examination and storage of bodies under Medical Examiner jurisdiction. The Chief			

- 1 Medical Examiner may contract with qualified persons to perform or to provide support
- 2 services for autopsies and other studies and investigations."
- 3 **SECTION 6.** This act is effective when it becomes law.