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HOUSE BILL 222
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/21/21

Short Title: SUDEP Awareness Week/Training Recommendation. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 8, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT CREATING THE SHANNON LEIGH ADCOCK, STEVEN ANTHONY CHRISTOS,
3 AND SAMANTHA DAVIS MEMORIAL ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SECOND WEEK
4 IN NOVEMBER AS SUDEP AWARENESS WEEK IN THE STATE OF NORTH
5 CAROLINA AND TO RECOMMEND AWARENESS TRAINING FOR SCHOOL
6 PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR STUDENTS WITH EPILEPSY OR OTHERWISE
7 PREDISPOSED TO SEIZURES.

8 Whereas, "SUDEP" is the sudden, unexpected death of a person with epilepsy, who
9 was otherwise considered healthy; and

10 Whereas, each year, more than one out of 1,000 people with epilepsy die from
11 SUDEP; and

12 Whereas, uncontrolled seizures increase the risk of SUDEP to more than one out of
13 150; and

14 Whereas, November is observed as National Epilepsy Awareness Month throughout
15 the nation; and

16 Whereas, during National Epilepsy Awareness Month, it is important to also bring
17 awareness of SUDEP; Now, therefore,
18 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

19 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 103 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
20 section to read:

21 **"§ 103-16. SUDEP Awareness Week.**

22 The week beginning on the second Sunday in November of each year is designated as Sudden
23 Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) Awareness Week in North Carolina."

24 **SECTION 2.** Article 25A of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by
25 adding a new section to read:

26 **"§ 115C-357.7. Seizure awareness training for school personnel.**

27 (a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Shannon Leigh Adcock, Steven
28 Anthony Christos, and Samantha Davis Memorial Act."

29 (b) It is the goal of the General Assembly to encourage local boards of education to
30 develop and provide seizure awareness training for all teachers and other school personnel who
31 may be responsible for students with epilepsy or students that are otherwise predisposed to
32 seizures."

33 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

