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1 Enrolled, An Act,

2 Relating to public K-12 education; to amend Section
3 16-40A-3, Code of Alabama 1975, to require research-based
4 instruction on fentanyl prevention and drug poisoning
5 awareness in grades six through 12.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

7 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as
8 the Price Hornsby Act.

9 Section 2. Section 16-40A-3 of the Code of Alabama
10 1975, is amended to read as follows:

11 "§16-40A-3

12 (a) Any program or curriculum in the public schools of
13 Alabama of this state that includes drug education or
14 instructs on the use of drugs or alcohol ~~shall~~, as a minimum,
15 shall include all of the following:

16 (1) Age-appropriate, developmentally-based drug and
17 alcohol education and prevention programs that address the
18 legal, social, and health consequences of drug and alcohol use
19 and that provide information about effective techniques for
20 resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs or alcohol for
21 students in all grades of the public schools from early
22 childhood level through grade 12.

23 (2) Information conveying to students that the use of
24 illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol
25 is wrong and harmful and is punishable by fines and
26 imprisonment.

27 (3) Standards of conduct that are applicable to
28 students and employees in all public schools and that ~~clearly~~



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29 ~~prohibit~~, at a minimum, clearly prohibit the unlawful
30 possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol
31 by students and employees on school premises, or as part of
32 any activities of the school.

33 (4) Research-based instruction related to fentanyl
34 prevention and drug poisoning awareness pursuant to subsection
35 (b).

36 ~~(4)~~ (5) A clear statement that sanctions, consistent
37 with local, state, and federal law, up to and including
38 expulsion or termination of employment and referral for
39 prosecution, will be imposed on students and employees who
40 violate the standards of conduct required by subdivision (3).
41 A description of those sanctions shall be included.

42 (b) Commencing with the 2024-2025 school year, each
43 local education agency shall annually provide research-based
44 instruction related to fentanyl prevention and drug poisoning
45 awareness to students in grades six through 12 in a manner
46 comparable to instruction provided for other drug and alcohol
47 education and prevention programs.

48 (1) The instruction required by this subsection shall
49 include all of the following:

50 a. Prevention of the abuse of and addiction to
51 fentanyl.

52 b. Awareness of local school and community resources
53 and any processes involved in accessing those resources.

54 c. Health education that includes information about
55 substance use and abuse, including youth substance use and
56 abuse.



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57 (2) The instruction required by this subsection may be
58 provided by an entity or an employee or agent of an entity
59 selected by the local education agency that is:
60 a. A public or private institution of higher education.
61 b. A library.
62 c. A community service organization.
63 d. A religious organization.
64 e. A local public health agency.
65 f. An organization employing mental health
66 professionals.
67 g. An employee of the local education agency."
68 Section 3. This act shall become effective on June 1,
69 2024.

