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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, public K-12 school drug and alcohol prevention programs are required to include certain information and instruction.

This bill would require research-based instruction on fentanyl prevention and drug poisoning awareness to be provided to students in grades six through 12.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

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

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

"§16-40A-3

(a) Any program or curriculum in the public schools of



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29 ~~Alabama~~ of this state that includes drug education or
30 instructs on the use of drugs or alcohol ~~shall~~, as a minimum,
31 shall include all of the following:

32 (1) Age-appropriate, developmentally-based drug and
33 alcohol education and prevention programs that address the
34 legal, social, and health consequences of drug and alcohol use
35 and that provide information about effective techniques for
36 resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs or alcohol for
37 students in all grades of the public schools from early
38 childhood level through grade 12.

39 (2) Information conveying to students that the use of
40 illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol
41 is wrong and harmful and is punishable by fines and
42 imprisonment.

43 (3) Standards of conduct that are applicable to
44 students and employees in all public schools and that ~~clearly~~
45 ~~prohibit~~, at a minimum, clearly prohibit the unlawful
46 possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol
47 by students and employees on school premises, or as part of
48 any activities of the school.

49 (4) Research-based instruction related to fentanyl
50 prevention and drug poisoning awareness pursuant to subsection
51 (b).

52 ~~(4)~~ (5) A clear statement that sanctions, consistent
53 with local, state, and federal law, up to and including
54 expulsion or termination of employment and referral for
55 prosecution, will be imposed on students and employees who
56 violate the standards of conduct required by subdivision (3).



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57 A description of those sanctions shall be included.

58 (b) Commencing with the 2024-2025 school year, each
59 local education agency shall annually provide research-based
60 instruction related to fentanyl prevention and drug poisoning
61 awareness to students in grades six through 12 in a manner
62 comparable to instruction provided for other drug and alcohol
63 education and prevention programs.

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

66 a. Prevention of the abuse of and addiction to
67 fentanyl.

68 b. Awareness of local school and community resources
69 and any processes involved in accessing those resources.

70 c. Health education that includes information about
71 substance use and abuse, including youth substance use and
72 abuse.

73 (2) The instruction required by this subsection may be
74 provided by an entity or an employee or agent of an entity
75 selected by the local education agency that is:

76 a. A public or private institution of higher education.

77 b. A library.

78 c. A community service organization.

79 d. A religious organization.

80 e. A local public health agency.

81 f. An organization employing mental health
82 professionals.

83 g. An employee of the local education agency."

84 Section 3. This act shall become effective on June 1,



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