

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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CHAPTER 863  
SENATE BILL 1356

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF  
HUMAN RESOURCES AND PUBLIC EDUCATION FOR THE ADOLESCENT  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 122C-113 is amended by inserting a new subsection to read:

"(b1) The Secretary shall cooperate with the State Board of Education in coordinating the responsibilities of the Department of Human Resources and of the Department of Public Education for adolescent substance abuse programs. The Department of Human Resources, through its Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services, shall be responsible for intervention and treatment in non-school based programs. The Department of Public Education shall have primary responsibility for in-school education, identification, and intervention services, including student assistance programs."

Sec. 2. Effective July 1, 1988, appropriations for local school units' and Department of Human Resources agencies' adolescent substance abuse program components shall be contingent upon the development of policies and procedures by the Department of Human Resources and of the Department of Public Education that ensure ease of referrals between school based programs and non-school based programs such as community based intervention and treatment programs that ensure continued educational services while in treatment and that ensure reentry to public school after non-school based treatment.

The Department of Human Resources and the Department of Public Education shall make a written report detailing the policies and procedures, along with recommendations for any legislative action, to the Joint Commission on Governmental Operations and to the Fiscal Research Division of the Legislative Services Office by May 1, 1988.

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 14th day of August, 1987.