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Short Title: Drug Free School Zone.

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Referred to: Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A MANDATORY SENTENCE BE IMPOSED ON A
3 PERSON TWENTY YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHO IS CONVICTED OF A
4 DRUG SALE OR DELIVERY TO A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF
5 AGE AND THAT A MANDATORY SENTENCE BE IMPOSED ON A PERSON
6 TWENTY YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHO MANUFACTURES, SELLS, OR
7 DELIVERS A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE WITHIN ONE THOUSAND FEET
8 OF A SCHOOL ZONE.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 Section 1. G.S. 90-95(e) reads as rewritten:

11 "(e) The prescribed punishment and degree of any offense under this Article shall be
12 subject to the following conditions, but the punishment for an offense may be increased
13 only by the maximum authorized under any one of the applicable conditions:

14 (1),(2) Repealed by Session Laws 1979, c. 760, s. 5.

15 (3) If any person commits an offense under this Article for which the
16 prescribed punishment includes imprisonment for not more than two
17 years, and if he has previously been convicted for one or more offenses
18 under any law of North Carolina or any law of the United States or any
19 other state, which offenses are punishable under any provision of this
20 Article, he shall be punished as a Class I felon;

21 (4) If any person commits an offense under this Article for which the
22 prescribed punishment includes imprisonment for not more than six

1 months, and if he has previously been convicted for one or more
2 offenses under any law of North Carolina or any law of the United
3 States or any other state, which offenses are punishable under any
4 provision of this Article, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall
5 be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than two years or
6 fined not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000), or both in the
7 discretion of the court;

- 8 (5) Any person 18 years of age or over who violates G.S. 90-95(a)(1) by
9 selling or delivering a controlled substance to a person under 16 years
10 of age shall be punished as a Class E felon;

11 (5.1) Any person 20 years of age or over who violates G.S.
12 90-95(a)(1) by selling or delivering a controlled substance to
13 a person under 18 years of age shall be punished as a Class E
14 felon and shall be sentenced to a term of at least one year in
15 the State's prison. A person sentenced under this subdivision
16 must serve the mandatory term of imprisonment for one year.
17 During that time the prisoner is not eligible for early parole or
18 early release if sentenced as a youthful offender. The
19 sentencing judge may not suspend the mandatory one-year
20 term of imprisonment or place the person on probation for the
21 mandatory one-year term of imprisonment.

- 22 (5.2) Any person 20 years of age or over who commits an offense under
23 G.S. 90-95(a)(1) within 1,000 feet of the boundary of real property
24 used for a public or private school, college, or university shall be
25 punished as a Class E felon and shall be sentenced to a term of at least
26 two years in the State's prison. A person sentenced under this
27 subdivision must serve the mandatory term of imprisonment for two
28 years. During that time the prisoner is not eligible for early parole or
29 early release if sentenced as a youthful offender. The sentencing judge
30 may not suspend the mandatory two-year term of imprisonment or
31 place the person on probation for the mandatory two-year term of
32 imprisonment.

- 33 (6) For the purpose of increasing punishment, previous convictions for
34 offenses shall be counted by the number of separate trials at which
35 final convictions were obtained and not by the number of charges at a
36 single trial;

- 37 (7) If any person commits an offense under this Article for which the
38 prescribed punishment requires that any sentence of imprisonment be
39 suspended, and if he has previously been convicted for one or more
40 offenses under any law of North Carolina or any law of the United
41 States or any other state, which offenses are punishable under any
42 provision of this Article, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall
43 be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than six months or

1 fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or both in the
2 discretion of the court."

3 Sec. 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 1989, and shall apply to
4 offenses occurring on or after that date.