



HOUSE BILL 736: Joel H. Crisp SUDEP Awareness Law.

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Committee:	House Health. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	April 27, 2023
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 736 would direct DHHS to make available information on Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy to healthcare practitioners.*

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 736 would direct DHHS to coordinate with the North Carolina Medical Board, North Carolina Board of Nursing, North Carolina Board of Pharmacy, and the North Carolina Nurses Association to gather evidence-based information on Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) to provide to healthcare practitioners in the state. The information must include current and evidence-based information about SUDEP risk factors and conditions and contact information for nonprofit organizations that provide support services for epilepsy conditions. A completed booklet of this information must be reported to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services no later than April 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill would be effective when it becomes law.

BACKGROUND: SUDEP is the sudden, unexpected death of someone with epilepsy, who was otherwise healthy. In SUDEP cases, no other cause of death is found when an autopsy is done. Each year, more than 1 in 1,000 people with epilepsy die from SUDEP. This is the leading cause of death in people with uncontrolled seizures.

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