



# SENATE BILL 389: Parent Consent to Donate Blood/Midwifery Technical Corrections.

2023-2024 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	November 20, 2023
<b>Introduced by:</b>	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Theresa Matula
<b>Analysis of:</b>	S.L. 2023-79	Legislative Analyst

**OVERVIEW:** *S.L. 2023-79 amends the law (G.S. 130A-412.31) to require written consent from the parent, parents, or guardian, of a donor who is 16 or 17 years old before they are permitted to donate blood to an individual, hospital, blood bank, or blood collection center. Individuals who are 18 years of age or older may give or donate blood without the consent of the parent, parents, or guardian.*

*The act also made technical and clarifying changes to Section 4.3 of S.L. 2023-14 pertaining to midwifery statutes and the reference to the "joint subcommittee". These changes became effective October 1, 2023.*

*Except as otherwise provided, the act became effective June 28, 2023.*

## BILL ANALYSIS:

**Section 1** of the act amends current law (G.S. 130A-412.31) to require written consent from the parent, parents, or guardian, of a donor who is 16 or 17 years old before they are permitted to donate blood to an individual, hospital, blood bank, or blood collection center. Individuals who are 18 years of age or older may give or donate blood without the consent of the parent, parents, or guardian.

**Section 2** makes various technical and clarifying changes to Section 4.3 of S.L. 2023-14 as it relates to the midwifery statutes. The section clarifies that the "joint subcommittee" is the one referenced in G.S. 90-18.2, including the four additional members that are required by G.S. 90-178.4(a). The four additional members required by current law are two certified midwives and two obstetricians who have experience working with midwives. It also clarifies that the joint subcommittee has authority to adopt, amend, and repeal rules. The changes in Section 2 became effective October 1, 2023, when the changes in Section 4.3 of S.L. 2023-14 became effective.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Except as otherwise provided, the act became effective June 28, 2023.

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