HOUSE BILL 160:
Joel H. Crisp SUDEP Awareness Law.

Committee:	House Higher Education. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	**Date:**	April 2, 2025
Introduced by:	Reps. Gillespie, Potts, White, Cunningham	**Prepared by:**	Samantha Yarborough*
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OVERVIEW: House Bill 160 would direct the University of North Carolina School of Medicine's Area Health Education Centers (NC AHEC) to make information on Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) available to health care practitioners.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 160 would direct NC AHEC to consult with the North Carolina Medical Board, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, North Carolina Medical Society, North Carolina Pediatric Society, North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians, North Carolina Board of Nursing, North Carolina Board of Pharmacy, and the North Carolina Nurses Association to gather evidence-based information on SUDEP to provide to health care practitioners in the State.

The information would 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. The information would also be available on NC AHEC's website.

NC AHEC would report a completed summary or booklet of the information to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services no later than September 1, 2025.

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. More than 1 in 1,000 people with epilepsy die from SUDEP each year, and it is the leading cause of death in people with uncontrolled seizures.

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