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HOUSE BILL 940

Short Title: Health Care Provider Authorization to Report. (Public)

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW AUTHORIZATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO REPORT  
3 THREATS OF VIOLENCE UPON ALLEGATIONS FROM A CHILD UNDER THE AGE  
4 OF EIGHTEEN YEARS DURING THE COURSE OF TREATMENT.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Article 1A of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is amended by adding  
7 a new section to read:

8 "**§ 90-21.10A. Authorization to report threat of violence.**

9 (a) Any health care provider, as defined in G.S. 90-21.11, licensed to practice medicine  
10 in this State who, as a result of providing health services to a minor, has cause to suspect an  
11 individual has communicated a threat of violence against the public or against an individual, is  
12 authorized to notify all of the following:

13 (1) The law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the location where the  
14 threat of violence exists or where the communication of a threat is directed.

15 (2) If the threat occurred in or is directed at a school, the principal of the school  
16 or the superintendent of the local school administrative unit where the school  
17 is located.

18 (b) Any health care provider, as defined in G.S. 90-21.11, who makes a notification in  
19 good faith under this section shall have immunity from any liability, civil or criminal, that might  
20 otherwise be incurred or imposed as the result of the making of such notification."

21 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2019, and applies to any  
22 information received by a health care provider on or after that date.

