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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO HAVE
3 MATERIALS POSTED TO EDUCATE STUDENTS ABOUT THE MORAL,
4 ETHICAL, AND VIRTUOUS PRINCIPLES OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS AND
5 THE GREAT PHILOSOPHERS OF CIVILIZATION.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

8 "(38) To have materials posted in designated classrooms to educate students
9 about moral, ethical, and virtuous principles. – Each local board of
10 education may adopt a policy to require the posting in designated
11 classrooms or places of information, tenets, principles, or teachings
12 from the world's religions and from the great philosophers of
13 civilization, that will serve to educate students about moral, ethical, and
14 virtuous principles. The policy shall specify the specific materials that
15 may be posted at each grade level. These materials may contain tenets
16 or basic principles including, by way of illustration and not limitation
17 the Ten Commandments and the Torah, of the Christian, Jewish,
18 Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist, or other major religions and philosophies, and

1 the materials must include principles from several religions and
2 philosophies. These materials are encouraged to promote (i) honesty;
3 (ii) morality; (iii) courtesy; (iv) the dignity and necessity of honest
4 labor; (v) principles that tend to promote and develop an upright and
5 desirable citizenry; (vi) respect for others; (vii) kindness; (viii)
6 responsibility for one's acts; (ix) perseverance; and (x) respect for
7 human life.

8 Funds appropriated for instructional supplies and equipment may be
9 used to provide the materials posted."

10 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.