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SENATE DRS75260-LT-102 (03/09)

Short Title: Flag, Pledge, and Symbols Taught in Schools.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Boseman.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1
2 AN ACT REQUIRING LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT POLICIES
3 (I) PROVIDING FOR THE DISPLAY OF THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES
4 AND OF NORTH CAROLINA, (II) ENSURING THAT STUDENTS HAVE AN
5 OPPORTUNITY TO RECITE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ON A
6 REGULAR BASIS, (III) PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTION ON THE MEANING
7 AND HISTORICAL ORIGINS OF THE FLAG AND THE PLEDGE OF
8 ALLEGIANCE AND THE VALUES AND PRINCIPLES THEY REPRESENT,
9 AND (IV) PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTION ON THE STATE SYMBOLS.

10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-47(29a) reads as rewritten:

12 "**§ 115C-47. Powers and duties generally.**

13 In addition to the powers and duties designated in G.S. 115C-36, local boards of
14 education shall have the power or duty:

15 ...

16 (29a) To ~~Encourage~~Require the Display of the United States and North
17 Carolina Flags, and to ~~Encourage the Recitation of~~Ensure that
18 Students Have an Opportunity to Recite the Pledge or Oath of
19 Allegiance. – Local boards of education ~~are encouraged to~~shall adopt
20 policies to (i) ~~provide for~~require the display of the United States and
21 North Carolina flags in each classroom, when available, and (ii)
22 ~~provide~~ensure that students have the opportunity for students to recite
23 the Pledge or Oath of Allegiance on a regular ~~basis, and~~ (iii) ~~provide~~
24 ~~age appropriate instruction on the meaning and historical origins of the~~
25 ~~flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.~~basis, which may be a daily basis.
26 These policies shall not compel any person to stand, salute the flag, or

1 recite the Pledge of Allegiance. If flags are donated or are otherwise
2 available, flags shall be displayed in each classroom."

3 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-81(g) is amended by adding a new subdivision to

4 read:

5 "(g) Civic Literacy. –

6 (3c) Local boards of education shall adopt policies that require
7 age-appropriate instruction on the meaning and historical origins of the
8 United States flag and the Pledge of Allegiance, and the values and
9 principles they represent. Local boards of education shall also adopt
10 policies that require age-appropriate instruction on the meaning and
11 historical origins of the North Carolina flag and the State motto, and
12 the values and principles they represent and on other State symbols."

13 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.