

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009

HOUSE BILL 538
RATIFIED BILL

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION
TO MAINTAIN A CAMPUS POLICE AGENCY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 115C-47.1. Campus law enforcement agencies.

(a) A local board of education may establish a campus law enforcement agency and employ campus police officers. These officers shall meet the requirements of Chapter 17C of the General Statutes, shall take the oath of office prescribed by Article VI, Section 7 of the Constitution, and shall have all the powers of law enforcement officers generally. The territorial jurisdiction of a campus police officer shall include all property owned or leased to the local board of education employing the officer and that portion of any public road or highway passing through the property or immediately adjoining it, wherever located.

(b) A local board of education that establishes a campus law enforcement agency under subsection (a) of this section may enter into joint agreements with the governing board of any municipality to extend the territorial jurisdiction of campus police officers into any or all of the municipality's jurisdiction and to determine the circumstances under which this extension of authority may be granted.

(c) A local board of education that establishes a campus law enforcement agency under subsection (a) of this section may enter into joint agreements with the governing board of any county, with the consent of the sheriff, to extend the territorial jurisdiction of campus police officers into any or all of the county and to determine the circumstances under which this extension of authority may be granted.

(d) The subject matter jurisdiction of campus police officers on property not owned or leased to the local board of education and within the territorial jurisdictions established pursuant to an agreement authorized by subsection (b) or (c) of this section shall be limited to investigations or arrests arising out of activities related to their duties, responsibilities, and authority as employees of a local board of education."

SECTION 2. This act shall apply to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education only.

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 10th day of June, 2009.

Walter H. Dalton
President of the Senate

Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives

