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SENATE BILL 719
Education/Higher Education Committee Substitute Adopted 5/8/13

Short Title: Student Organizations/Rights & Recognition.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 4, 2013

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AT CONSTITUENT
3 INSTITUTIONS AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES MAY DETERMINE THE
4 ORGANIZATION'S CORE FUNCTIONS AND RESOLVE ANY DISPUTES OF THE
5 ORGANIZATION AND TO PROHIBIT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS AND
6 COMMUNITY COLLEGES FROM DENYING RECOGNITION TO ORGANIZATIONS
7 FOR EXERCISING THESE RIGHTS.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 SECTION 1. Part 3 of Article 1 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended
10 by adding a new section to read:

11 "**§ 116-40.12. Student organizations; rights and recognition.**

12 (a) No constituent institution that grants recognition to any student organization shall
13 deny recognition to a student organization or deny to a student organization access to programs,
14 funding, facilities, or other privileges associated with official recognition otherwise available to
15 another student organization, on the basis of the organization's exercise of its rights pursuant to
16 subsection (b) of this section.

17 (b) To the extent allowed by State and federal law, a religious or political student
18 organization may, in conformity with the organization's established written doctrines
19 expressing the organization's faith or mission, (i) determine that only persons professing the
20 faith or mission of the group, and comporting themselves in conformity with, are qualified to
21 serve as leaders of that organization, (ii) order its internal affairs according to the established
22 written doctrines, and (iii) resolve the organization's disputes according to the established
23 written doctrines."

24 SECTION 2. Article 2 of Chapter 115D of the General Statutes is amended by
25 adding a new section to read:

26 "**§ 115D-20.2. Student organizations; rights and recognition.**

27 (a) No community college that grants recognition to any student organization shall deny
28 recognition to a student organization or deny to a student organization access to programs,
29 funding, facilities, or other privileges associated with official recognition otherwise available to
30 another student organization, on the basis of the organization's exercise of its rights pursuant to
31 subsection (b) of this section.

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36 serve as leaders of that organization, (ii) order its internal affairs according to the established



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2 written doctrines."

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