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SENATE BILL 64
Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee Substitute Adopted 3/16/17

Short Title: Veterans' History Awareness Month. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 9, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH VETERANS' HISTORY AWARENESS MONTH IN
3 NOVEMBER.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-84.2(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b) Limitations. – The following limitations apply when developing the school
7 calendar:

8 (1) The total number of teacher workdays for teachers employed for a 10-month
9 term shall not exceed 195 days.

10 (2) The calendar shall include at least 42 consecutive days when teacher
11 attendance is not required unless: (i) the school is a year-round school; or (ii)
12 the teacher is employed for a term in excess of 10 months. At the request of
13 the local board of education or of the principal of a school, a teacher may
14 elect to work on one of the 42 days when teacher attendance is not required
15 in lieu of another scheduled workday.

16 (3) School shall not be held on Sundays.

17 (4) Veterans Day shall be a holiday for all public school personnel and for all
18 students enrolled in the public schools. The month of November shall be
19 designated "Veterans' History Awareness Month."

20 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-12 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

21 **"§ 115C-12. Powers and duties of the Board generally.**

22 The general supervision and administration of the free public school system shall be vested
23 in the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall establish policy for the
24 system of free public schools, subject to laws enacted by the General Assembly. The powers
25 and duties of the State Board of Education are defined as follows:

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27 (33a) Duty to Develop Recommended Programs for Use in Schools During
28 Veterans' History Awareness Month. – The State Board of Education shall
29 develop recommended programs in collaboration with active military
30 installations, veterans, and veterans service organizations that enable
31 students to gain a better understanding of the meaning and importance of the
32 contributions of American veterans and, in particular, veterans from North
33 Carolina. Recommended programs may be integrated into lesson plans and
34 may include veteran participation and veteran sponsorship in the form of an
35 Adopt-A-Veteran program. All schools are encouraged to collaborate with
36 veterans and veteran service organizations during Veterans' History



1 Awareness Month to designate time for appropriate commemorative
2 activities.
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4 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
5 the 2017-2018 school year.