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HOUSE BILL 1171
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Short Title: Amend Hazing Laws.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE LAW PROHIBITING HAZING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 14-35 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-35. Hazing; definition and punishment.

It ~~shall be~~ is unlawful for any student in attendance at any ~~university, college~~ college, or school in this State to engage in ~~what is known as~~ hazing, or to aid or abet any other student in the commission of this offense. For the purposes of this section hazing is defined as follows: ~~"to annoy any student by playing abusive or ridiculous tricks upon him, to frighten, scold, beat or harass him, or to subject him to personal indignity."~~ "to cause, require, or permit a person, incident to initiation into or membership in a society, club, athletic team, or similar organized group, to participate in any activity that subjects or is likely to subject that person or others to risks of physical injury, mental distress, or personal indignities." Any violation of this section shall constitute a Class 2 misdemeanor."

SECTION 2. G.S. 14-36 reads as rewritten:

"§ 14-36. ~~Expulsion from school; duty of faculty to expel.~~Disciplinary action.

Upon conviction of any student of the offense of hazing, or of aiding or abetting in the commission of this offense, ~~he shall, in addition to any punishment imposed by the court, be expelled from the college or school he is attending. The faculty or governing board of any college or school charged with the duty of expulsion of students for proper cause shall, upon such conviction at once expel the offender, and a failure to do so shall be a Class 1 misdemeanor.~~ the university, college, or school shall initiate appropriate disciplinary procedures and shall impose punishment commensurate with the offense."

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective December 1, 2003, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.