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SENATE BILL 1096
Education/Higher Education Committee Substitute Adopted 5/31/05

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

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 24, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

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

1 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-81(g) is amended by adding a new subdivision to
2 read:
3 "(g) Civic Literacy. –
4 (3c) Local boards of education shall adopt policies that require
5 age-appropriate instruction on the meaning and historical origins of the
6 United States flag and the Pledge of Allegiance, and the values and
7 principles they represent. Local boards of education shall also adopt
8 policies that require age-appropriate instruction on the meaning and
9 historical origins of the North Carolina flag and the State motto, and
10 the values and principles they represent and on other State symbols."
11 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.