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SENATE DRS55088-LE-111 (2/28)

Short Title: Flag/Pledge of Allegiance in Schools. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Hunt.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT DIRECTING LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO REQUIRE THE
DISPLAY OF THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH CAROLINA FLAGS AND
TO REQUIRE THAT RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IS
SCHEDULED ON A DAILY BASIS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-47(29a) reads as rewritten:

"§ 115C-47. Powers and duties generally.

In addition to the powers and duties designated in G.S. 115C-36, local boards of
education shall have the power or duty:

...

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

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.