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SENATE BILL 609

Short Title: Nonacademic Courses/BEP.

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Sponsors: Senators Kincaid; Simpson, Chalk, Carpenter, and Hardin.

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Referred to: Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT INSTRUCTION IN NONACADEMIC SUBJECT AREAS  
2 WHICH ALTERS OR INTERFERES WITH THE SCHEDULING AND  
3 INSTRUCTION OF ACADEMIC SUBJECT AREAS IN THE ELEMENTARY  
4 SCHOOL GRADES.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. G.S. 115C-81(a1) reads as rewritten:

8 "(a1) The Basic Education Program shall describe the education program to be  
9 offered to every child in the public schools. It shall provide every student in the State  
10 equal access to a Basic Education Program. Instruction shall be offered in the areas of  
11 arts, communication skills, physical education and personal health and safety,  
12 mathematics, media and computer skills, science, second languages, social studies, and  
13 vocational ~~education—education; provided, however, that in the elementary school~~  
14 grades, instruction time in academic subject areas may not be altered, shortened, or  
15 otherwise interfered with by the scheduling of or instruction in nonacademic subjects  
16 areas. For purposes of this subsection, 'academic subject areas' means the subject areas  
17 of mathematics, science, communication skills, and social studies."

18 Section 2. G.S. 115C-81(c) reads as rewritten:

19 "(c) Local boards of education shall provide for the efficient teaching at  
20 appropriate grade levels of all materials set forth in the standard course of study,  
21 including integrated instruction in the areas of citizenship in the United States of  
22 America, government of the State of North Carolina, government of the United States,  
23 fire prevention, the free enterprise system, and the dangers of harmful or illegal drugs,  
24 including alcohol, and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the Heimlich

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2 education may not offer instruction in nonacademic subject areas the scheduling of  
3 which alters, shortens, or otherwise interferes with instruction time or scheduling of  
4 classes in academic subject areas. For purposes of this subsection, 'academic subject  
5 areas' means the subject areas of mathematics, science, communication skills, and social  
6 studies.

7 Local boards of education shall require all teachers and principals to conduct classes  
8 except foreign language classes in English. Any teacher or principal who refuses to do  
9 so may be dismissed."

10 Sec. 3. Effective when the components of the standard course of study have  
11 been fully incorporated and implemented as part of the Basic Education Program, G.S.  
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25 except foreign language classes in English. Any teacher or principal who refuses to do  
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27 Sec. 4. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective upon ratification  
28 and applies to all school years beginning with the 1989-90 school year.