

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1991 SESSION

CHAPTER 269
SENATE BILL 798

AN ACT TO ALLOW LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS TO DEVELOP POLICIES
REGARDING CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN THEIR SCHOOLS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-390 reads as rewritten:

"§ 115C-390. School personnel may use reasonable force.

Except as restricted or prohibited by rules adopted by the local boards of education, principals, ~~Principals~~, teachers, substitute teachers, voluntary teachers, and teacher assistants and student teachers in the public schools of this State may use reasonable force in the exercise of lawful authority to restrain or correct pupils and maintain order. No local board of education shall promulgate or continue in effect a rule, regulation or bylaw which prohibits the use of such force as is specified in this section."

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991, and applies to all school years beginning with the 1991-92 school year.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 12th day of June, 1991.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives