

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1408

Short Title: Teach American Ethics.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Nesbitt, Black; Bowman, J. Brown, Ellis, Hensley, Ives, Mitchell, and P. Wilson.

Referred to: Education.

May 17, 1993

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTION IN
3 AMERICAN ETHICS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 115C-81 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

6 "(h) Instruction in American Ethics:

7 (1) In public schools, special emphasis shall be given to instruction in:

8 a. Honesty, morality, courtesy, tolerance, obedience to law,
9 respect for the national flag, the Constitution of the United
10 States of America, and the Constitution of the State of North
11 Carolina, respect for parents and the home, the dignity and
12 necessity of honest labor, and other lessons that tend to promote
13 and develop an upright and desirable citizenry.

14 b. Respect for all humans, regardless of race, color, creed, national
15 origin, religion, age, sex, or handicap, and acknowledgement of
16 the dignity and worth of individuals and groups.

17 (2) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall prepare an outline with
18 suggestions that will best accomplish the purpose of this subsection
19 and the State Board of Education shall incorporate the outline in the
20 courses of study for all public schools."

21 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
22 Public Instruction the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 1993-94
23 fiscal year to carry out the Superintendent's duties under G.S. 115C-81(h)(2) and to

1 distribute materials with regard to instruction in American ethics to local school
2 administrative units.

3 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.