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HOUSE BILL 202

Short Title: Teach American Ethics.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Nesbitt; Alphin, Colton, Crawford, Cummings, Cunningham, Gardner, H. Hunter, McCrary, and Spears.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

February 14, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTION IN AMERICAN ETHICS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"(h) Instruction in American Ethics:

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

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

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

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

Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 1994-95 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. Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 1994. The remainder
4 of this act is effective upon ratification.