

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 50

Short Title: Safe Schools/Respectful Students.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Brawley; Alphin, Arnold, Beall, Berry, Bowie, Bowman, Brubaker, Burton, Cole, Culp, Cummings, Decker, Dickson, Dockham, Ellis, Gardner, Gottovi, Hall, Hayes, Ives, Jarrell, Jeffus, Jenkins, Lemmond, McAllister, McCombs, McCrary, McLaughlin, McLawhorn, Mitchell, Nichols, J. Preston, Ramsey, Robinson, Russell, Sexton, Spears, Stewart, Sutton, Wilkins, Wilson, and Yongue.

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

February 8, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF TEACHERS TO MAINTAIN AUTHORITY IN THEIR CLASSES AND RECOGNIZING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS TO INSTILL IN THEIR CHILDREN RESPECT FOR SCHOOL AUTHORITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"§ 115C-390. ~~School~~ **State policy; school personnel may use reasonable force.**

(a) The General Assembly of North Carolina recognizes that all pupils enrolled in public schools have the right to attend classes that are safe, secure, and peaceful. The State of North Carolina stands behind its teachers in taking the steps necessary to maintain authority in their classes and recognizes that it is the responsibility of parents and guardians to instill in their children respect for school authority.

(b) Except as restricted or prohibited by rules adopted by the local boards of education, 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."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.