

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 65

Short Title: U.S. Flag/Pledge in Classrooms.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives K. Miller, Wood; Aldridge, Allred, Arnold, Baker, Barbee, Berry, Bowie, Brawley, J. Brown, Buchanan, Cansler, Capps, Cocklereece, Creech, Culp, Cummings, Davis, Decker, Dockham, Eddins, Edwards, Ellis, Esposito, Gray, Hiatt, Holmes, Howard, Ives, Justus, Lemmond, McComas, McCombs, McMahan, Miner, Neely, Nichols, Pate, Pulley, Rayfield, Reynolds, Russell, Sexton, Shubert, Snowden, Thompson, Weatherly, and G. Wilson.

Referred to: Education.

January 30, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A UNITED STATES FLAG FOR EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL
2 CLASSROOM AND TO REQUIRE THE STUDENTS TO RECITE THE PLEDGE
3 OF ALLEGIANCE EVERY DAY.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

7 "(29a) To Require the Display of the Flag and the Recitation of the Pledge or
8 Oath of Allegiance. – Local boards of education shall adopt policies to
9 require the display of the United States flag in each classroom and the
10 recitation of the Pledge or Oath of Allegiance at the commencement of
11 the first class of each day in all grades in the public schools. The policy
12 shall provide that the teacher in charge of the room in which each class
13 is held shall announce that the class will stand and recite the pledge or
14 oath and that children electing not to recite the pledge or oath may stand
15 in respectful silence while the pledge or oath is being recited."

1 Sec. 2. The State Board of Education shall provide each local board of
2 education with a United States flag for each classroom in the public school administrative
3 unit. The State Board shall use funds from the budget of the Department of Public
4 Instruction for the purchase of the flags.

5 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification. Section 1 of this act shall be
6 fully implemented no later than January 1, 1996.