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HOUSE BILL 1779

Short Title: Durham Anti-Sweatshop Requirements.

(Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Luebke; and Miller.

Referred to: Local Government I.

May 25, 2000

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF DURHAM TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING
3 SWEATSHOPS.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. The Charter of the City of Durham, being Chapter 671 of the 1975
7 Session Laws, as amended, is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 "Sec. 84.4. Anti-sweatshop requirements.

9 (a) The City Council may establish, agree to, and comply with anti-sweatshop
10 requirements by including the requirements in the specifications for contracts to purchase
11 or rent apparel or textiles and awarding bids pursuant to G.S. 143-129 and G.S. 143-131,
12 if applicable, to the lowest responsible bidders meeting these and other specifications.
13 Anti-sweatshop requirements may include: (1) prohibitions against violations of
14 applicable law or regulation, forced labor, dangerous working conditions, or employment
15 of children; and (2) the disclosure of (i) the locations and ownership of the facilities
16 where the apparel or textiles are made, finished, packed, or otherwise processed, (ii)
17 compensation to workers, and (iii) any other information necessary and proper for the
18 enforcement of other anti-sweatshop requirements.

19 (b) The authority granted by this section is in addition to, and not in derogation of,
20 any other authority granted by this Charter or any other law."

1 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.