

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE DRS35141-LM-73A (03/09)

Short Title: First Amendment Rights. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Forrester.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT EXPRESSIONS MADE PRIOR TO THE
3 CONVENING OF MEETINGS OF GOVERNING BODIES ARE CONSISTENT
4 WITH FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Article 1 of Chapter 128 of the General Statutes is amended by
7 adding the following new section to read:

8 "**§ 128-15.4. Actions prior to convening of meetings.**

9 During the time prior to the governing body's actual call to order or convening of
10 business, any expressions by members of the governing body or members of the public
11 shall be held consistent with the individual's First Amendment right of freedom of
12 speech."

13 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.