

April 21, 2005

**H 1443. TEACHER PROTECTION ACT. TO ENACT THE TEACHER PROTECTION ACT.**

Amends GS 115C-390 to provide that principals, teachers, substitute teachers, voluntary teachers, teacher assistants, and student teachers may not be held civilly liable for using force unless the trier of fact finds excessive force was used. Provides that plaintiffs must first appeal to local board of education before filing action and that no action may be filed until the board has made a finding as to whether excessive force was used. Provides further that a school board finding that no excessive force was used creates a rebuttable presumption that reasonable force was employed.

**Intro. by Blust.**

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GS 115C