



CHANGES TITLE

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
AMENDMENT  
Senate Bill 208

AMENDMENT NO. 1  
(to be filled in by  
Principal Clerk)

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Comm. Sub. [NO]  
Amends Title [YES]  
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Senator Dorsett

- 1 moves to amend the bill on page 1, line 2 through the end of the bill by deleting the language
- 2 and substituting the following:
- 3 "AN ACT PERTAINING TO STATUTORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE
- 4 REFERENCES TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.
- 5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
- 6 **SECTION 1.** It is the intent of the General Assembly to refer to a person with a
- 7 disability as a person first when directing the drafting of statutes and resolutions. The
- 8 Legislative Services Office shall incorporate into its drafting training of legislative drafters the
- 9 preference to avoid language that implies a person as a whole is disabled, equates a person with
- 10 his or her condition, or is regarded as derogatory or demeaning. The North Carolina Council
- 11 on Developmental Disabilities shall provide a list of nationally recognized descriptors to the
- 12 Legislative Services Office to be used in this training.
- 13 **SECTION 2.** The General Statutes Commission shall recommend to the 2010
- 14 reconvened session of the 2009 General Assembly and to the 2011 Regular Session of the
- 15 General Assembly any statutory changes and drafting policies needed to make the General
- 16 Statutes and administrative rules refer to a person with a disability as a person first. The goal of
- 17 such revisions shall be to avoid language that implies a person as a whole is disabled, equates a
- 18 person with his or her condition, or is regarded as derogatory or demeaning. In making
- 19 recommendation, the General Statutes Commission shall distinguish those instances where a
- 20 word or phrase is required by federal law or regulation, is describing a medical diagnosis, or is
- 21 referring to nonliving entities such as facilities, organizations, programs, services, or zone
- 22 designations.
- 23 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law."

SIGNED Cate L. Dorsett  
Amendment Sponsor

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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4-9-09  
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