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SENATE BILL DRS45055-MT-9A (12/23)

Short Title: Veterans' History Awareness Month. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators D. Davis, Barefoot, and Brown (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH VETERANS' HISTORY AWARENESS MONTH IN NOVEMBER.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-84.2(b) reads as rewritten:

5 "(b) Limitations. – The following limitations apply when developing the school calendar:

- 6 (1) The total number of teacher workdays for teachers employed for a 10-month
7 term shall not exceed 195 days.
8 (2) The calendar shall include at least 42 consecutive days when teacher attendance
9 is not required unless: (i) the school is a year-round school; or (ii) the teacher is
10 employed for a term in excess of 10 months. At the request of the local board of
11 education or of the principal of a school, a teacher may elect to work on one of
12 the 42 days when teacher attendance is not required in lieu of another scheduled
13 workday.
14 (3) School shall not be held on Sundays.
15 (4) Veterans Day shall be a holiday for all public school personnel and for all
16 students enrolled in the public schools. The month of November shall be
17 designated "Veterans' History Awareness Month."

18 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-12 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

19 "**§ 115C-12. Powers and duties of the Board generally.**

20 The general supervision and administration of the free public school system shall be vested in
21 the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall establish policy for the system of
22 free public schools, subject to laws enacted by the General Assembly. The powers and duties of
23 the State Board of Education are defined as follows:

24 ...
25 (33a) Duty to Develop Recommended Programs for Use in Schools During Veterans'
26 History Awareness Month. – The State Board of Education shall develop
27 recommended programs that enable students to gain a better understanding of
28 the meaning and importance of the contributions of American veterans and, in
29 particular, veterans from North Carolina. Recommended programs may be
30 integrated into lesson plans and may include veteran participation and veteran
31 sponsorship in the form of an Adopt-A-Veteran program. All schools are
32 encouraged to collaborate with veterans and veteran service organizations
33 during Veterans' History Awareness Month to designate time for appropriate
34 commemorative activities.

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1 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the
2 2017-2018 school year.