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HOUSE BILL DRH40488-NG-81

Short Title: Inform the Public of Instructional Materials. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Willis.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND
3 ACTIVITIES USED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND
4 CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1.(a) Article 8 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by
7 adding a new section to read:

8 "**§ 115C-98A. Inform the public about instructional materials.**

9 (a) The governing body of a public school unit shall ensure that the following information
10 for each school it governs is prominently displayed on the school website at least 15 days prior
11 to the start of each semester, organized, at a minimum, by subject area and grade level:

12 (1) The instructional materials and activities that were used at the school during
13 the prior school year and all instructional materials to be used at the school in
14 the current school year, including all of the following:

15 a. Anything assigned, distributed, or otherwise presented in any course
16 for which a student receives credit.

17 b. Any instructional materials from among which students are required
18 to select one or more if the selection is restricted by the school.

19 c. Any syllabus or similar document used to outline the covered material
20 in any course for which a student receives credit.

21 (2) Any procedures for the documentation, review, or approval of the
22 instructional materials used for student instruction at the school, including by
23 the principal, curriculum administrators, or other teachers.

24 (b) The information displayed shall include the information necessary to identify the
25 instructional materials and activities used for instruction, including the title and the author,
26 organization, or website associated with each instructional material and activity. Nothing in this
27 section shall be construed to require the digital reproduction of the instructional materials
28 themselves or the separate reporting of individual components of instructional materials
29 produced as a single volume.

30 (c) The following definitions apply in this section:

31 (1) Activities. – Any instructional task, including, but not limited to,
32 presentations, assemblies, lectures, or other activities or events facilitated by
33 the school, excluding student presentations.

34 (2) Instructional materials. – Any material used for instruction, including, but not
35 limited to, all textbooks, other reading materials, videos, digital materials,
36 websites, and other online applications."



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1 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 115C-12 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

2 "(9e) Duty to Inform the Public About Instructional Materials. – The Board shall
3 ensure that information about instructional materials for any school operated
4 under Article 7A and Article 9C of this Chapter is prominently displayed on
5 the website of the school, as required by G.S. 115C-98A."

6 **SECTION 1.(c)** G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

7 "(58a) To Inform the Public About Instructional Materials. – Local boards of
8 education shall ensure that information about instructional materials for each
9 school in the local school administrative unit is prominently displayed on the
10 website of the school, as required by G.S. 115C-98A."

11 **SECTION 1.(d)** G.S. 115C-238.66 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

12 "(11a) Instructional materials. – The board of directors shall ensure that information
13 about instructional materials is prominently displayed on the website of the
14 regional school, in accordance with G.S. 115C-98A."

15 **SECTION 1.(e)** G.S. 115C-218.85 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

16 "(c) Instructional Materials – A charter school shall ensure that information about
17 instructional materials is prominently displayed on the website of the regional
18 school, in accordance with G.S. 115C-98A."

19 **SECTION 2.** Article 2 of Chapter 115D of the General Statutes is amended by
20 adding the following new section to read:

21 "**§ 115D-20.3. Inform the public about course instructional materials and activities.**

22 (a) Each community college shall prominently display on the community college's
23 website at least 15 days before the start of each academic semester at least the following
24 information organized by course offering for the upcoming academic semester and from the prior
25 academic year:

26 (1) The instructional materials used by and activities at the community college,
27 including all of the following:

28 a. Assignments that are distributed or otherwise presented in any course
29 for which a student receives credit.

30 b. Any instructional materials students may select when one or more
31 instructional materials are available, if the selection of instructional
32 materials is restricted by the community college.

33 (2) Any procedures for the documentation, review, or approval of the
34 instructional materials or activities used for community college courses,
35 including approval by administrators and faculty.

36 (b) The information displayed on the website shall include all information necessary to
37 identify the instructional materials and activities used for the courses, including the title and the
38 author, organization, or website associated with each instructional material and activity. Nothing
39 in this section shall be construed to require the digital reproduction of the instructional materials
40 or the separate reporting of individual components of instructional materials produced as a single
41 volume.

42 (c) The following definitions apply in this section:

43 (1) Activities. – Any instructional task, including presentations, assemblies,
44 lectures, or other activities or events facilitated by the community college,
45 excluding student presentations.

46 (2) Instructional materials. – Any material used for instruction, including all
47 textbooks, other reading materials, videos, digital materials, websites, and
48 other online applications."

49 **SECTION 3.** Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended
50 by adding the following new section to read:

51 "**§ 116-18.5. Inform the public about course instructional materials and activities.**

1 (a) Each constituent institution of The University of North Carolina shall prominently
2 display on the institution's website at least 15 days before the start of each academic semester at
3 least the following information organized by course offering for the upcoming academic semester
4 and from the prior academic year:

5 (1) The instructional materials used by and activities at the constituent institution,
6 including all of the following:

7 a. Assignments that are distributed or otherwise presented in any course
8 for which a student receives credit.

9 b. Any instructional materials students may select when one or more
10 instructional materials are available, if the selection of instructional
11 materials is restricted by the constituent institution.

12 (2) Any procedures for the documentation, review, or approval of the
13 instructional materials or activities used for constituent institution courses,
14 including approval by administrators and faculty.

15 (b) The information displayed on the website shall include all information necessary to
16 identify the instructional materials and activities used for the courses, including the title and the
17 author, organization, or website associated with each instructional material and activity. Nothing
18 in this section shall be construed to require the digital reproduction of the instructional materials
19 or the separate reporting of individual components of instructional materials produced as a single
20 volume.

21 (c) The following definitions apply in this section:

22 (1) Activities. – Any instructional task, including presentations, assemblies,
23 lectures, or other activities or events facilitated by the community college,
24 excluding student presentations.

25 (2) Instructional materials. – Any material used for instruction, including all
26 textbooks, other reading materials, videos, digital materials, websites, and
27 other online applications."

28 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law. Section 1 of this act applies
29 beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Sections 2 and 3 of this act apply beginning with the
30 2021-2022 academic year.