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SENATE BILL DRS15053-NHa-28

Short Title: Flags at Every School.

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Sponsors: Senator Settle (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE AND FUND THE DISPLAY OF THE UNITED STATES AND  
3 NORTH CAROLINA FLAGS ON PUBLIC SCHOOL GROUNDS AND IN EVERY  
4 PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOM.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 115C-47(29a) reads as rewritten:

7 "(29a) To Require the Display of the United States and North Carolina Flags, and to  
8 Require the Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. – Local boards of  
9 education shall adopt policies to (i) require the display of the United States  
10 and North Carolina flags on school grounds near the main entrance to each  
11 school and in each classroom, when available, (ii) require that recitation of the  
12 Pledge of Allegiance be scheduled on a daily basis, and (iii) provide  
13 age-appropriate instruction on the meaning and historical origins of the flag  
14 and the Pledge of Allegiance. These policies shall not compel any person to  
15 stand, salute the flag, or recite the Pledge of Allegiance. ~~If flags are donated~~  
16 ~~or are otherwise available, flags shall be displayed in each classroom."~~

17 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 115C-150.12C(23), as enacted by S.L. 2023-10, reads as

18 rewritten:

19 "(23) The Display of the United States and North Carolina Flags and the Recitation  
20 of the Pledge of Allegiance. – The board of trustees shall adopt policies to (i)  
21 require the display of the United States and North Carolina flags on school  
22 grounds near the main entrance to the school and in each classroom when  
23 available, classroom, (ii) require that recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance be  
24 scheduled on a daily basis, and (iii) provide age-appropriate instruction on the  
25 meaning and historical origins of the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance. These  
26 policies shall not compel any person to stand, salute the flag, or recite the  
27 Pledge of Allegiance. ~~If flags are donated or are otherwise available, flags~~  
28 ~~shall be displayed in each classroom."~~

29 **SECTION 1.(c)** G.S. 115C-218.80 reads as rewritten:

30 "§ 115C-218.80. **Display of the United States and North Carolina flags and the recitation**  
31 **of the Pledge of Allegiance.**

32 A charter school shall (i) display the United States and North Carolina flags on school  
33 grounds near the main entrance to the school and in each classroom when available, classroom,  
34 (ii) ~~require the schedule~~ recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance on a daily basis, and (iii) provide  
35 age-appropriate instruction on the meaning and historical origins of the flag and the Pledge of  
36 Allegiance. A charter school shall not compel any person to stand, salute the flag, or recite the



1 Pledge of Allegiance. ~~If flags are donated or are otherwise available, flags shall be displayed in~~  
2 ~~each classroom."~~

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

4 "(23) Display of the United States and North Carolina flags and the recitation of the  
5 Pledge of Allegiance. – A regional school shall (i) display the United States  
6 and North Carolina flags on school grounds near the main entrance to the  
7 school and in each classroom, (ii) schedule recitation of the Pledge of  
8 Allegiance on a daily basis, and (iii) provide age-appropriate instruction on  
9 the meaning and historical origins of the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance. A  
10 regional school shall not compel any person to stand, salute the flag, or recite  
11 the Pledge of Allegiance."

12 **SECTION 1.(e)** G.S. 116-69.1 reads as rewritten:

13 "**§ 116-69.1. Display of the United States and North Carolina flags and the recitation of the**  
14 **Pledge of Allegiance.**

15 The school shall (i) display the United States and North Carolina flags on school grounds  
16 near the main entrance to the school and in each classroom when available, classroom, (ii) ~~require~~  
17 ~~the schedule~~ recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance on a daily basis, and (iii) provide  
18 age-appropriate instruction on the meaning and historical origins of the flag and the Pledge of  
19 Allegiance. The school shall not compel any person to stand, salute the flag, or recite the Pledge  
20 of Allegiance. ~~If flags are donated or are otherwise available, flags shall be displayed in each~~  
21 ~~classroom."~~

22 **SECTION 1.(f)** G.S. 116-235(i) reads as rewritten:

23 "(i) The Display of the United States and North Carolina Flags and the Recitation of the  
24 Pledge of Allegiance. – The Board of Trustees shall adopt policies to ~~require~~ (i) require the  
25 display of the United States and North Carolina flags on school grounds near the main entrance  
26 to the school and in each classroom when available, classroom, (ii) ~~the schedule~~ recitation of the  
27 Pledge of Allegiance on a daily basis, and (iii) ~~the provide~~ provide age-appropriate instruction on the  
28 meaning and historical origins of the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance. These policies shall not  
29 compel any person to stand, salute the flag, or recite the Pledge of Allegiance. ~~If flags are donated~~  
30 ~~or are otherwise available, flags shall be displayed in each classroom."~~

31 **SECTION 1.(g)** G.S. 116-239.8(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

32 "(26) Display of the United States and North Carolina flags and the recitation of the  
33 Pledge of Allegiance. – Laboratory schools shall (i) display the United States  
34 and North Carolina flags on school grounds near the main entrance to the  
35 school and in each classroom, (ii) schedule recitation of the Pledge of  
36 Allegiance on a daily basis, and (iii) provide age-appropriate instruction on  
37 the meaning and historical origins of the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance. A  
38 laboratory school shall not compel any person to stand, salute the flag, or  
39 recite the Pledge of Allegiance."

40 **SECTION 2.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
41 Public Instruction the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the  
42 2025-2026 fiscal year and the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in recurring funds  
43 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year for the Department to allocate to public school units for the purchase  
44 of United States and North Carolina flags to be displayed as required by this act.

45 **SECTION 2.(b)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of  
46 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in  
47 recurring funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the Board to allocate to the secondary schools  
48 operated under control of the Board for the purchase of United States and North Carolina flags  
49 to be displayed as required by this act.

50 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with  
51 the 2025-2026 school year.