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HOUSE BILL 288

Short Title: POW/MIA Flag/State Bldgs. & Schools. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Goodwin, Charles Smith, Majeed, and Hastings (Primary Sponsors).

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March 6, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT REQUIRING POW/MIA FLAGS TO BE FLOWN AT STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS IF THE FLAG CAN BE ATTACHED TO AN EXISTING FLAGPOLE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 144 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 144-10. Display of POW/MIA flag.

The official "Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA)" flag shall be displayed and flown over all State-owned buildings and at all public school buildings whenever the United States flag is displayed if the POW/MIA flag can be attached to an existing flagpole. The POW/MIA flag shall be of suitable size and material and shall be displayed and flown in accordance with the appropriate policies and procedures concerning the display of the State and United States flags. This section does not apply to the POW/MIA flag flown over the State Capitol, which is flown pursuant to G.S. 143-345.9.

The State shall purchase POW/MIA flags for State-owned buildings in the same manner as the North Carolina flag is purchased. Local boards of education may accept donations of the POW/MIA flag or shall purchase flags with available funds."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

