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SENATE BILL 169

Short Title: Character Education in Schools.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Gunter; Warren, Perdue, Parnell, Jordan, Albertson, Richardson, Martin of Pitt, Edwards, Forrester, Marshall, Johnson, Gulley, and Hartsell.

Referred to: Juveniles/Prevention.

February 15, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT REQUIRING EACH SCHOOL TO INCORPORATE CHARACTER EDUCATION INTO ITS CURRICULUM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Part 4 of Article 16 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 115C-238.9. Character education as part of building-level plans.

Beginning with the 1995-96 school year, each school shall include a plan for incorporating character education into the curriculum as part of its building-level plan under G.S. 115C-238.3. Character education shall consist of systematic, positive instruction that encourages students to take personal responsibility for their actions, to become ethical decision makers who appreciate the value of honesty, respect, courage, perseverance, and tolerance, and to behave in a way consistent with those values.

The Department of Public Instruction shall develop and provide to building-level teams recommended strategies for incorporating character education into the curriculum in ways that meet the specific needs of their schools."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.