

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1078

Short Title: Moral, Ethical, and Virtuous/Education.

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Sponsors: Senators Odom, Horton, Carpenter, McKoy, Shaw, Blackmon, Carrington, McDaniel, Foxx, Lucas, Webster, Hartsell, Allran, Plexico, and Martin of Guilford.

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Referred to: Education/Higher Education

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May 4, 1995

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO HAVE  
3 MATERIALS POSTED TO EDUCATE STUDENTS ABOUT THE MORAL,  
4 ETHICAL, AND VIRTUOUS PRINCIPLES OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS AND  
5 THE GREAT PHILOSOPHERS OF CIVILIZATION.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

8 "(38) To have materials posted in designated classrooms to educate students  
9 about moral, ethical, and virtuous principles. – Each local board of  
10 education may adopt a policy to require the posting in designated  
11 classrooms or places of information, tenets, principles, or teachings  
12 from the world's religions and from the great philosophers of  
13 civilization, that will serve to educate students about moral, ethical, and  
14 virtuous principles. The policy shall specify the specific materials that  
15 may be posted at each grade level. These materials may contain, but are  
16 not limited to, tenets or basic principles of the Christian, Jewish,  
17 Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist, or other major religions, such as the Ten  
18 Commandments and the Torah. These materials are encouraged to  
19 promote (i) honesty; (ii) morality; (iii) courtesy; (iv) the dignity and

1                    necessity of honest labor; (v) principles that tend to promote and  
2                    develop an upright and desirable citizenry; (vi) respect for others; (vii)  
3                    kindness; (viii) responsibility for one's acts; (ix) perseverance; and (x)  
4                    respect for human life.

5                    Funds appropriated for instructional supplies and equipment may be  
6                    used to provide the materials posted."

7                    Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.