

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1177

Short Title: Enhanced Character Education.

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Sponsors: Senators Lee, Dalton; Ballance, Dannelly, Garrou, Hagan, Harris, Lucas, Martin of Guilford, Odom, Perdue, Phillips, Purcell, Rand, Reeves, Shaw of Cumberland, and Wellons.

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Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

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May 9, 2000

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND ENHANCE THE CURRICULUM FOR  
3 CHARACTER EDUCATION AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT  
4 THE CURRICULUM.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 115C-81 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 "(h1) Enhanced Character Education. – Local boards of education that require the  
8 teaching of character education under subsection (h) of this section shall incorporate into  
9 their programs the following additional curriculum:

10 (1) Respect for teachers. – Holding teachers, school administrators, and all  
11 school personnel in high esteem; demonstrating in words and deeds that  
12 all school personnel deserve to be treated with courtesy and proper  
13 deference.

14 (2) Responsibility for school safety. – Creating a harmonious school  
15 atmosphere that is free from assaultive threats, weapons, and violent or  
16 disruptive behavior; cultivating an orderly learning environment where  
17 students and school personnel feel safe and secure; encouraging the  
18 peaceful resolution of conflicts and disagreements.

1           (3) Good citizenship. – Obeying the laws of the nation and this state;  
2           abiding by school rules; understanding the rights and responsibilities of  
3           the members of a democracy."

4           Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Board of  
5 Education the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the 2000-2001 fiscal  
6 year. The State Board shall use these funds to assist local school administrative units  
7 implement this act.

8           Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2000.