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SENATE BILL 1177

Education/Higher Education Committee Substitute Adopted 6/15/00

Short Title: Enhanced Character Education.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 9, 2000

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

(2) Responsibility for school safety. – Creating a harmonious school atmosphere that is free from assaultive threats, weapons, and violent or disruptive behavior; cultivating an orderly learning environment where students and school personnel feel safe and secure; encouraging the 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           (4)   Volunteerism. – Rendering a service of one's own free will, to others in  
5                   the community, with no promise of compensation, being actively  
6                   involved in your school by offering to help other students achieve  
7                   academic success through such programs as student mentoring;  
8                   developing a sense of caring for others and participating as a responsible  
9                   citizen in the community. Public schools may use service-learning as a  
10                  tool to enrich the curriculum by helping students to relate their service  
11                  experience directly to knowledge and skills learned in the classroom."

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

16           Section 3. This act becomes effective September 1, 2001.