GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 487

Short Title:	Flag/Pledge of Allegiance in Schools.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Hunt; Apodaca, Atwater, Berger of Franklin, Berger of Rockingham, Bingham, Blake, Brock, Brown, Cowell, Dalton, East, Forrester, Garwood, Goodall, Holloman, Hoyle, Jacumin, Lucas, Malone, Pittenger, Presnell, Rand, Smith, Stevens, Swindell, Thomas, Tillman, and Weinstein.	
Referred to:	Education/Higher Education.	

March 15, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT DIRECTING LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO REQUIRE THE DISPLAY OF THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH CAROLINA FLAGS AND TO REQUIRE THAT RECITATION OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IS SCHEDULED ON A DAILY BASIS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-47(29a) reads as rewritten:

"**§ 115C-47. Powers and duties generally.**

In addition to the powers and duties designated in G.S. 115C-36, local boards of education shall have the power or duty:

…

(29a) To ~~Encourage~~ Require the Display of the United States and North Carolina Flags, and to ~~Encourage~~ Require the Recitation of the Pledge or Oath of Allegiance. – Local boards of education ~~are encouraged to~~ shall adopt policies to (i) ~~provide for~~ require the display of the United States and North Carolina flags in each classroom, when available, (ii) ~~provide the opportunity for students to recite the Pledge or Oath of Allegiance on a regular basis,~~require that recitation of the Pledge or Oath of Allegiance be scheduled on a daily basis, and (iii) provide age-appropriate instruction on the meaning and historical origins of the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance. These policies shall not compel any person to stand, salute the flag, or recite the Pledge of Allegiance. If flags are donated or are otherwise available, flags shall be displayed in each classroom."

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