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Short Title: Protect Religious Student Groups. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Jones, Jordan, Arp, and Riddell (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL STUDENT
3 ORGANIZATIONS AT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS AND COMMUNITY
4 COLLEGES MAY DETERMINE THE ORGANIZATION'S CORE FUNCTIONS AND
5 RESOLVE ANY DISPUTES OF THE ORGANIZATION.
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
7 **SECTION 1.** Part 3 of Article 1 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended
8 by adding a new section to read:
9 **"§ 116-40.12. Student organizations; rights and recognition.**
10 (a) To the extent allowed by State and federal law, a religious or political student
11 organization may determine that ordering the organization's internal affairs, selecting the
12 organization's leaders and members, defining the organization's doctrines, and resolving the
13 organization's disputes are in furtherance of the organization's religious or political mission and
14 that only persons committed to that mission should conduct such activities.
15 (b) No constituent institution that has granted recognition of and access to any student
16 organization or group shall discriminate against any such student organization or group that
17 exercises its rights pursuant to subsection (a) of this section."
18 **SECTION 2.** Article 2 of Chapter 115D of the General Statutes is amended by
19 adding a new section to read:
20 **"§ 115D-20.2. Student organizations; rights and recognition.**
21 (a) To the extent allowed by State and federal law, a religious or political student
22 organization may determine that ordering the organization's internal affairs, selecting the
23 organization's leaders and members, defining the organization's doctrines, and resolving the
24 organization's disputes are in furtherance of the organization's religious or political mission and
25 that only persons committed to that mission should conduct such activities.
26 (b) No community college that has granted recognition of and access to any student
27 organization or group shall discriminate against any such student organization or group that
28 exercises its rights pursuant to subsection (a) of this section."
29 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

