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HOUSE BILL 735
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/14/13

Short Title: Student Organizations/Rights & Recognition.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 11, 2013

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AT CONSTITUENT
3 INSTITUTIONS AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES MAY DETERMINE THE
4 ORGANIZATION'S CORE FUNCTIONS AND RESOLVE ANY DISPUTES OF THE
5 ORGANIZATION AND TO PROHIBIT CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS AND
6 COMMUNITY COLLEGES FROM DENYING RECOGNITION TO ORGANIZATIONS
7 FOR EXERCISING THESE RIGHTS.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 SECTION 1. Part 3 of Article 1 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended
10 by adding a new section to read:

11 "**§ 116-40.12. Student organizations; rights and recognition.**

12 (a) No constituent institution that grants recognition to any student organization shall
13 deny recognition to a student organization or deny to a student organization access to programs,
14 funding, facilities, or other privileges associated with official recognition otherwise available to
15 another student organization on the basis of the organization's exercise of its rights pursuant to
16 subsection (b) of this section.

17 (b) A religious or political student organization may, in conformity with the
18 organization's established written doctrines expressing the organization's faith or mission, (i)
19 determine that only persons professing the faith or mission of the group, and comporting
20 themselves in conformity with, are qualified to serve as leaders of that organization, (ii) order
21 its internal affairs according to the established written doctrines, and (iii) resolve the
22 organization's disputes according to the established written doctrines."

23 SECTION 2. Article 2 of Chapter 115D of the General Statutes is amended by
24 adding a new section to read:

25 "**§ 115D-20.2. Student organizations; rights and recognition.**

26 (a) No community college that grants recognition to any student organization shall deny
27 recognition to a student organization or deny to a student organization access to programs,
28 funding, facilities, or other privileges associated with official recognition otherwise available to
29 another student organization on the basis of the organization's exercise of its rights pursuant to
30 subsection (b) of this section.

31 (b) A religious or political student organization may, in conformity with the
32 organization's established written doctrines expressing the organization's faith or mission, (i)
33 determine that only persons professing the faith or mission of the group, and comporting
34 themselves in conformity with, are qualified to serve as leaders of that organization, (ii) order
35 its internal affairs according to the established written doctrines, and (iii) resolve the
36 organization's disputes according to the established written doctrines."



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SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.