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Short Title: Inform the Public of Instructional Materials. (Public)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND
ACTIVITIES USED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND
CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) Article 8 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by
adding a new section to read:

"§ 115C-98A. Inform the public about instructional materials.

(a) The governing body of a public school unit shall ensure that the following information for each school it governs is prominently displayed on the school website at least 15 days prior to the start of each semester, organized, at a minimum, by subject area and grade level:

(1) The instructional materials and activities that were used at the school during the prior school year and all instructional materials to be used at the school in the current school year, including all of the following:

a. Anything assigned, distributed, or otherwise presented in any course for which a student receives credit.

b. Any instructional materials from among which students are required to select one or more if the selection is restricted by the school.

c. Any syllabus or similar document used to outline the covered material in any course for which a student receives credit.

(2) Any procedures for the documentation, review, or approval of the instructional materials used for student instruction at the school, including by the principal, curriculum administrators, or other teachers.

(b) The information displayed shall include the information necessary to identify the instructional materials and activities used for instruction, including the title and the author, organization, or website associated with each instructional material and activity. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the digital reproduction of the instructional materials themselves or the separate reporting of individual components of instructional materials produced as a single volume.

(c) The following definitions apply in this section:

(1) Activities. – Any instructional task, including, but not limited to, presentations, assemblies, lectures, or other activities or events facilitated by the school, excluding student presentations.



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1 (2) Instructional materials. – Any material used for instruction, including, but not
2 limited to, all textbooks, other reading materials, videos, digital materials,
3 websites, and other online applications."

4 **SECTION 1.(b)** G.S. 115C-12 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

5 "(9e) Duty to Inform the Public About Instructional Materials. – The Board shall
6 ensure that information about instructional materials for any school operated
7 under Article 7A and Article 9C of this Chapter is prominently displayed on
8 the website of the school, as required by G.S. 115C-98A."

9 **SECTION 1.(c)** G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

10 "(58a) To Inform the Public About Instructional Materials. – Local boards of
11 education shall ensure that information about instructional materials for each
12 school in the local school administrative unit is prominently displayed on the
13 website of the school, as required by G.S. 115C-98A."

14 **SECTION 1.(d)** G.S. 115C-238.66 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

15 "(11a) Instructional materials. – The board of directors shall ensure that information
16 about instructional materials is prominently displayed on the website of the
17 regional school, in accordance with G.S. 115C-98A."

18 **SECTION 1.(e)** G.S. 115C-218.85 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

19 "(c) Instructional Materials – A charter school shall ensure that information about
20 instructional materials is prominently displayed on the website of the regional
21 school, in accordance with G.S. 115C-98A."

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

24 "**§ 115D-20.3. Inform the public about course instructional materials and activities.**

25 (a) Each community college shall prominently display on the community college's
26 website at least 15 days before the start of each academic semester at least the following
27 information organized by course offering for the upcoming academic semester and from the prior
28 academic year:

29 (1) The instructional materials used by and activities at the community college,
30 including all of the following:

31 a. Assignments that are distributed or otherwise presented in any course
32 for which a student receives credit.

33 b. Any instructional materials students may select when one or more
34 instructional materials are available, if the selection of instructional
35 materials is restricted by the community college.

36 (2) Any procedures for the documentation, review, or approval of the
37 instructional materials or activities used for community college courses,
38 including approval by administrators and faculty.

39 (b) The information displayed on the website shall include all information necessary to
40 identify the instructional materials and activities used for the courses, including the title and the
41 author, organization, or website associated with each instructional material and activity. Nothing
42 in this section shall be construed to require the digital reproduction of the instructional materials
43 or the separate reporting of individual components of instructional materials produced as a single
44 volume.

45 (c) The following definitions apply in this section:

46 (1) Activities. – Any instructional task, including presentations, assemblies,
47 lectures, or other activities or events facilitated by the community college,
48 excluding student presentations.

49 (2) Instructional materials. – Any material used for instruction, including all
50 textbooks, other reading materials, videos, digital materials, websites, and
51 other online applications."

1 **SECTION 3.** Part 2 of Article 1 of Chapter 116 of the General Statutes is amended
2 by adding the following new section to read:

3 **"§ 116-18.5. Inform the public about course instructional materials and activities.**

4 (a) Each constituent institution of The University of North Carolina shall prominently
5 display on the institution's website at least 15 days before the start of each academic semester at
6 least the following information organized by course offering for the upcoming academic semester
7 and from the prior academic year:

8 (1) The instructional materials used by and activities at the constituent institution,
9 including all of the following:

10 a. Assignments that are distributed or otherwise presented in any course
11 for which a student receives credit.

12 b. Any instructional materials students may select when one or more
13 instructional materials are available, if the selection of instructional
14 materials is restricted by the constituent institution.

15 (2) Any procedures for the documentation, review, or approval of the
16 instructional materials or activities used for constituent institution courses,
17 including approval by administrators and faculty.

18 (b) The information displayed on the website shall include all information necessary to
19 identify the instructional materials and activities used for the courses, including the title and the
20 author, organization, or website associated with each instructional material and activity. Nothing
21 in this section shall be construed to require the digital reproduction of the instructional materials
22 or the separate reporting of individual components of instructional materials produced as a single
23 volume.

24 (c) The following definitions apply in this section:

25 (1) Activities. – Any instructional task, including presentations, assemblies,
26 lectures, or other activities or events facilitated by the community college,
27 excluding student presentations.

28 (2) Instructional materials. – Any material used for instruction, including all
29 textbooks, other reading materials, videos, digital materials, websites, and
30 other online applications."

31 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law. Section 1 of this act applies
32 beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Sections 2 and 3 of this act apply beginning with the
33 2021-2022 academic year.