

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1969 SESSION

CHAPTER 638  
HOUSE BILL 882

1 AN ACT ADDING A NEW ARTICLE 18B TO CHAPTER 115 OF THE GENERAL  
2 STATUTES TO DEFINE THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE STUDENT TEACHER IN  
3 THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TO AMEND G.S. 115-146 TO GRANT STUDENT  
4 TEACHERS LAWFUL AUTHORITY WHEN THEY ARE GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY  
5 FOR SOME PART OF THE SCHOOL PROGRAM.  
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7 WHEREAS, the program of teacher preparation in North Carolina is designed to  
8 promote the continued development and improvement of teachers; and

9 WHEREAS, student teaching is recognized as a significant part of the total  
10 preparation;

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12 Now, therefore, The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

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14 **Section 1.** A new article, to be designated as Article 18B and entitled "Student  
15 Teachers," shall be inserted in Chapter 115 of the General Statutes immediately after Article 18  
16 and shall read as follows:

17 "18B. Student Teachers."

18 "**Sec. 115-160.5. Student Teacher and Student Teaching Defined.** A student teacher is any  
19 student enrolled in an institution of higher education approved by the State Board of Education  
20 for the preparation of teachers who is jointly assigned by that institution and a county or city  
21 board of education to student-teach under the direction and supervision of a regularly employed  
22 certified teacher.

23 Student teaching may include those duties granted to a teacher by G.S. 115-146 and any  
24 other part of the school program for which either the supervising teacher or the principal is  
25 responsible.

26 "**Sec. 115-160.6. Legal Protection.** A student teacher under the supervision of a certified  
27 teacher or principal shall have the protection of the laws accorded the certified teacher.

28 "**Sec. 115-160.7. Assignment of Duties.** It shall be the responsibility of a supervising teacher,  
29 in cooperation with the principal and the representative of the teacher preparation institution, to  
30 assign to the student teacher responsibilities and duties that will provide adequate preparation  
31 for teaching.

32 **Sec. 2.** G.S. 115-146 is hereby amended by inserting in line 2 immediately  
33 following the word "teachers" the following:

34 ", including student teachers when given authority over some part of the school program by  
35 the principal or supervising teacher,".

36 **Sec. 3.** G.S. 115-146 is hereby amended by rewriting the first sentence of the  
37 second paragraph as follows:

38 "Principals, teachers, and student teachers in the public schools of this State may use  
39 reasonable force in the exercise of lawful authority to restrain or correct pupils and maintain  
40 order."

41 **Sec. 4.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are  
42 hereby repealed.

43 **Sec. 5.** This Act shall be in full force and effect upon its ratification.

1           In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 28th day of May,  
2 1969.