

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1995 SESSION

CHAPTER 455  
HOUSE BILL 65

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE DISPLAY OF THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH CAROLINA FLAGS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOMS AND TO ENCOURAGE THE RECITAL OF THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-47 is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(29a) To Encourage the Display of the United States and North Carolina Flags, and to Encourage the Recitation of the Pledge or Oath of Allegiance. – Local boards of education are encouraged to adopt policies to (i) provide for the display of the United States and North Carolina flags in each classroom, (ii) provide the opportunity for students to recite the Pledge or Oath of Allegiance on a regular 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."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification. Section 1 of this act shall be fully implemented no later than January 1, 1996.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 18th day of July, 1995.

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Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

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Harold J. Brubaker  
Speaker of the House of Representatives