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HOUSE BILL 1779  
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Short Title: Durham Anti-Sweatshop Requirements.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 25, 2000

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF DURHAM TO  
AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING  
SWEATSHOPS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Charter of the City of Durham, being Chapter 671 of the 1975 Session Laws, as amended, is amended by adding a new section to read:

“Section 84.4. **Anti-Sweatshop Requirements.** (a) The City Council may establish, agree to, and comply with anti-sweatshop requirements by including the requirements in the specifications for contracts to purchase or rent apparel or textiles and awarding bids pursuant to G.S. 143-129 and G.S. 143-131, if applicable, to the lowest responsible bidders meeting these and other specifications. Anti-sweatshop requirements may include:

(1) Prohibitions against violations of applicable law or regulation, forced labor, or employment of children; and

(2) The disclosure of:

a. The locations and ownership of the manufacturing company where the apparel or textiles are made, finished, packed, or otherwise processed;

- 1                    b. Compensation to workers; and  
2                    c. Any other information necessary and proper for the enforcement  
3                    of other anti-sweatshop requirements and not in violation of any  
4                    other State law.

5            (b) The authority granted by this section is in addition to, and not in derogation of,  
6 any other authority granted by this Charter or any other law."

7                    Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.