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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROTECT CHILDREN IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FROM
EXPOSURE TO TOBACCO BY REQUIRING LOCAL BOARDS OF
EDUCATION TO ADOPT WRITTEN POLICIES PROHIBITING THE USE OF
TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding
the following new Article to read:

"Article 29A.

"Policy Prohibiting Use of Tobacco Products.

"§ 115C-407. Policy prohibiting tobacco use in school buildings.

Local boards of education shall adopt and enforce a written policy prohibiting the
use by any person of tobacco products in public school buildings. The policy shall
include at least the following:

- (1) Enforcement of federal requirements under the Pro-Children Act of
1994, 20 U.S.C. § 6083, prohibiting smoking within any school
building used to provide routine or regular kindergarten, elementary,
or secondary education or library services to children.
- (2) Adequate notice to students and school personnel of the policy.
- (3) Posting of signs prohibiting the use of tobacco products by any person.
- (4) Requirements that school personnel enforce the policy.

Nothing in this section or G.S. 143-595 through G.S. 143-601 prohibits a local board
of education from enforcing a more restrictive policy on the use of tobacco in school
buildings, in school facilities, on school campuses, or at school related or sponsored
events, and in or on other school property."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.