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HOUSE BILL 47

Short Title: School Discipline by Parent.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Brawley.

Referred to: Education.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF TEACHERS TO CONTROL THEIR  
CLASSES AND REQUIRING PARENTS TO ASSIST IN DISCIPLINING THEIR  
CHILDREN AT SCHOOL.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 115C-390 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 115C-390. ~~School~~ State policy; school personnel may use reasonable force.**

(a) The State of North Carolina stands behind its teachers in taking the steps they deem necessary to control their classes.

(b) Principals, teachers, substitute teachers, voluntary teachers, and teacher assistants and student teachers in the public schools of this State may use reasonable force in the exercise of lawful authority to restrain or correct pupils and maintain order. No local board of education shall promulgate or continue in effect a rule, regulation or bylaw which prohibits the use of such force as is specified in this section."

Sec. 2. G.S. 115C-391 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(a1) If a teacher or principal of a school finds that a child is a behavior problem, the principal of that school may ask the child's parent or guardian to come to the school and discipline the child as the parent deems appropriate. If the parent or guardian refuses to do so or fails to do so in a timely manner, the principal may suspend the child. The suspension shall continue until the parent or guardian comes to the school and seeks the readmission of the child."

Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification and applies to all school years beginning with the 1991-92 school year.