

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 90

Short Title: Ensure Religious Freedom in Schools.

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Sponsors: Representatives Cummings; Bowman, D. Brown, Burton, Church, Cole, Fitch, Flaherty, Gardner, Griffin, Hall, Hayes, Hill, H. Hunter, R. Hunter, Kinney, Kuczmarski, Mavretic, McAllister, Mercer, Nichols, Oldham, J. Preston, Spears, Thompson, Wainwright, Wilson, Wood, and Yongue.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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February 14, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ENSURE FREEDOM OF RELIGION 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 ensure freedom of religion. – No local board of education shall have a policy of denying, or that effectively prevents participation in, prayer in public schools by individuals on a voluntary basis. No local board of education shall require any person to participate in prayer or influence the form or content of any prayer in public schools.

This subdivision shall not be construed to direct any local board of education to take any action in violation of the Constitutions of North Carolina or the United States."

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994, and applies to all school years beginning with the 1994-95 school year.