GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1997

SENATE BILL 1054

Short Title: Allow Burma Divestiture. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Page; Blust and Kinnaird.

Referred to: State Government, Local Government, and Personnel.

April 21, 1997

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT AUTHORIZING COUNTIES, CITIES, AND LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING DOING BUSINESS WITH THE UNION OF MYANMAR, FORMERLY BURMA, IN PROJECTS FINANCED BY PUBLIC FUNDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 6 of Chapter 153A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 153A-142. Anti-heroin requirements.

 As a means of encouraging, expressing, and implementing policies opposing the illegal heroin trade and serious human rights abuses in the Union of Myanmar, formerly Burma, a county may enact ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, and procedures, relative to the use of public funds, that prohibit purchases from, investment in, or otherwise contracting with any person, firm, or corporation doing business in or with the Union of Myanmar, formerly Burma. The county may include such prohibitions in the specifications for contracts to perform all or part of any projects and may award bids pursuant to G.S. 143-129 and G.S. 143-131, if applicable, to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders meeting these and other specifications."

Section 2. Article 8 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 160A-198. Anti-heroin requirements.

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As a means of encouraging, expressing, and implementing policies opposing the illegal heroin trade and serious human rights abuses, a city may enact ordinances, resolutions, rules, regulations, and procedures, relative to the use of public funds, that prohibit purchases from, investment in, or otherwise contracting with any person, firm, or corporation doing business in or with the Union of Myanmar, formerly Burma. The city may include such prohibitions in the specifications for contracts to perform all or part of any projects and may award bids pursuant to G.S. 143-129 and G.S. 143-131, if applicable, to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders meeting these and other specifications."

Section 3. Article 5 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 115C-51. Anti-heroin requirements.

As a means of encouraging, expressing, and implementing policies opposing the illegal heroin trade and serious human rights abuses, local boards of education may enact resolutions, rules, regulations, and procedures, relative to the use of public funds, that prohibit purchases from, investment in, or otherwise contracting with any person, firm, or corporation doing business in or with the Union of Myanmar, formerly Burma. The local board of education may include such prohibitions in the specifications for contracts to perform all or part of any projects and may award bids pursuant to G.S. 143-129 and G.S. 143-131, if applicable, to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders meeting these and other specifications."

Section 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.