GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 795

Short Title:	Character Educ. to Include Antiviolence Info.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Queen.	
Referred to:	Education/Higher Education.	

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MODIFY CHARACTER EDUCATION IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE TO INCLUDE AN ANTIVIOLENCE MESSAGE AND A CONFLICT RESOLUTION COMPONENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 115C-81(h1)(2) reads as rewritten:

"(h1) In addition to the instruction under subsection (h) of this section, local boards of education are encouraged to include instruction on the following responsibilities:

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(2) Responsibility for school safety. – Helping to create a harmonious school atmosphere that is free from threats, weapons, and violent or disruptive behavior; cultivate an orderly learning environment in which students and school personnel feel safe and secure; and encourage the resolution of conflicts and disagreements through peaceful means including peer mediation. <u>Instruction in this responsibility should include a consistent and age-appropriate antiviolence message and a conflict resolution component for students in kindergarten through twelfth grade. These messages should include media-awareness education to help children recognize stereotypes and messages portraying violence. This approach should be promoted in all public and charter schools.</u>

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