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Short Title:	National	and State Mottos in Schools Act.	(Public)	
Sponsors:				
Referred to:				
		May 21, 2018		
		A BILL TO BE ENTITLED		
AN ACT TO REQUIRE DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL MOTTO AND THE STATE MOTTO				
IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.				
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:				
S	ECTION	1. This act shall be known as the "National and State	Mottos in Schools	
Act."				
		2. G.S. 115C-47(29a) reads as rewritten:		
"(Require the Display of the United States and North		
	_	lay of the National and State Mottos, and to Require the		
Pledge of Allegiance. – Local boards of education shall adopt policies			dopt policies to (i)	
	requ	ire do the following:		
	<u>a.</u>	Require the display of the United States and Nort	•	
	•	each classroom, when available, (ii) require available		
	<u>b.</u>	Require the display of the national motto, "In God	-	
		State motto, "esse quam videri," and its English		
		Rather Than to Seem," in at least one prominer	·	
		school, such as an entry way, cafeteria, or other		
		display shall state each motto and, underneath the whether it is the national or State motto.	at motto, designate	
	0	Require that recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance	ha sahadulad on s	
	<u>c.</u>	daily basis, and (iii) provide basis.	be scheduled on a	
	<u>d.</u>	<u>Provide</u> age-appropriate instruction on the mean	ning and historical	
	<u>u.</u>	origins of the flag flags, mottos, and the Pledge of	_	
These policies shall not compel any person to stand, salute the flag, or i			_	
	the Pledge of Allegiance. If flags are donated or are otherwise available, flags			
	shall be displayed in each classroom."			
S		3. G.S. 115C-218.80 reads as rewritten:		
"§ 115C-218	8.80. Displ	ay of the United States and North Carolina flags <u>f</u> l	ags, display of the	
national and State mottos, and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.				
(a) A charter school shall (i) display do the following:				
(1) <u>Display</u> the United States and North Carolina flags in each elassroom				
	classroom, when available, (ii) require available.			
<u>(2</u>	(2) Display the national motto, "In God We Trust," and the State motto, "o			
quam videri," and its English translation, "To Be Rather Than to Seem," in				
	least	one prominent location of each school, such as an en	ntry way, cafeteria,	



1 or other common area. The display shall state each motto and, underneath that 2 motto, designate whether it is the national or State motto. 3 Require that the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance be scheduled on a daily (3) 4 basis, and (iii) provide basis. 5 Provide age-appropriate instruction on the meaning and historical origins of <u>(4)</u> 6 the flag flags, mottos, and the Pledge of Allegiance. 7 A charter school shall not compel any person to stand, salute the flag, or recite the (b) 8 Pledge of Allegiance. 9 If flags are donated or are otherwise available, flags shall be displayed in each (c) 10 classroom." 11 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 116-69.1 reads as rewritten: "§ 116-69.1. Display of the United States and North Carolina flags-flags, display of the 12 13 national and State mottos, and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. The school shall (i) display do the following: 14 (a) Display the United States and North Carolina flags in each elassroom 15 <u>(1)</u> classroom, when available, (ii) require available. 16 17 Display the national motto, "In God We Trust," and the State motto, "esse (2) quam videri," and its English translation, "To Be Rather Than to Seem," in at 18 19 least one prominent location of the school, such as an entry way, cafeteria, or 20 other common area. The display shall state each motto and, underneath that 21 motto, designate whether it is the national or State motto. 22 Require the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance on a daily basis, and (iii) <u>(3)</u> 23 provide basis. 24 <u>(4)</u> Provide instruction on the meaning and historical origins of the flag flags, 25 mottos, and the Pledge of Allegiance. 26 The school shall not compel any person to stand, salute the flag, or recite the Pledge (b) 27 of Allegiance. 28 If flags are donated or are otherwise available, flags shall be displayed in each (c) 29 classroom." 30 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 116-235(i) reads as rewritten: 31 The Display of the United States and North Carolina Flags, Display of the 32 National and State Mottos, and the Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. - The Board of 33 Trustees shall adopt policies to require (i) the display the following: 34 Display of the United States and North Carolina flags in each elassroom (1) 35 classroom, when available, (ii) the recitation available. 36 Display of the national motto, "In God We Trust," and the State motto, "esse (2) 37 quam videri," and its English translation, "To Be Rather Than to Seem," in at 38 least one prominent location of the school, such as an entry way, cafeteria, or 39 other common area. The display shall state each motto and, underneath that 40 motto, designate whether it is the national or State motto. 41 Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance on a daily basis. <u>(3)</u> 42 (4) and (iii) the instruction Instruction on the meaning and historical origins of the flag flags, mottos, and the Pledge of Allegiance. 43 44 These policies shall not compel any person to stand, salute the flag, or recite the Pledge of 45 Allegiance. If flags are donated or are otherwise available, flags shall be displayed in each 46 classroom." 47 **SECTION 6.** Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-5-2, there is appropriated from the 48 General Fund to the Department of Public Instruction the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars 49 (\$25,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2018-2019 fiscal year to implement the requirements of 50 this act, including to fund the purchase of supplies for students to create displays or to fund the

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purchase of mounted plaques.

SECTION 7. This act becomes effective July 1, 2018, and applies beginning December 1, 2018.