



NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
AMENDMENT  
House Bill 805

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Senator Everitt

moves to amend the bill on page 6, line 50, through page 7, line 36, by rewriting the lines to read:

"SECTION 3.2.(a) Article 7B of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding new sections to read:

**"§ 115C-76.200. Religious objections to discussions, activities, or assigned readings.**

Governing bodies of public school units shall adopt policies to allow a student or the student's parent or guardian to request that the student be excused from specific classroom discussions, activities, or assigned readings that the student, parent, or guardian believes would (i) impose a substantial burden on the student's religious beliefs or (ii) invade the student's privacy by calling attention to the student's religion. To the extent practicable, schools shall provide advance notice to students, parents, and guardians of the discussions, activities, or assigned readings. If a student is excused from a classroom discussion, activity, or assigned reading, the school shall provide the student with an alternative activity or assignment aligned with the standard course of study.

**"§ 115C-76.205. Parent access to library books.**

(a) For the purposes of this section, the term "library books" means electronic, print, and nonprint resources, excluding textbooks, for independent use by students and school personnel outside of the standard course of study for any grade or course. Library books may be held in a formal school library or in a classroom.

(b) Governing bodies of public school units shall adopt policies that do all of the following:

- (1) Provide ongoing public access through a searchable web-based catalog to the titles of any library books available at each school within the public school unit. Each school shall display its catalog on the homepage of its website.
- (2) Allow a parent or guardian of a student to identify any library books that may not be borrowed by the student. A student shall not be permitted to borrow any library books identified by the student's parent or guardian pursuant to this subdivision."

SECTION 3.2.(b) G.S. 115C-562.5(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) A nonpublic school that accepts eligible students receiving scholarship grants shall comply with the following:

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- 1           (9)   Adopt policies to allow a student or the student's parent or guardian to request  
2                   that the student be excused from specific classroom discussions, activities, or  
3                   assigned readings that the student, parent, or guardian believes would (i)  
4                   impose a substantial burden on the student's religious beliefs or (ii) invade the  
5                   student's privacy by calling attention to the student's religion. To the extent  
6                   practicable, the nonpublic school shall provide advance notice to students,  
7                   parents, and guardians of the discussions, activities, or assigned readings. If a  
8                   student is excused from a classroom discussion, activity, or assigned reading,  
9                   the nonpublic school shall provide the student with an alternative activity or  
10                  assignment.  
11           (10) Adopt policies related to library books, as defined in G.S. 115C-76.205(a),  
12                  that do all of the following:  
13                  a.   Provide ongoing parent or guardian access through a searchable  
14                          web-based catalog to the titles of any library books available at the  
15                          nonpublic school. The nonpublic school shall make its catalog  
16                          accessible from the homepage of its website.  
17                  b.   Allow a parent or guardian of a student to identify any library books  
18                          that may not be borrowed by the student. A student shall not be  
19                          permitted to borrow any library books identified by the student's parent  
20                          or guardian pursuant to this subdivision."

21 **SECTION 3.2.(b)** This section is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the  
22 2025-2026 school year."  
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SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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