



# SENATE BILL 64: Veterans' History Awareness Month.

2017-2018 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 64 would establish November as Veterans' History Awareness Month for the public schools and direct the State Board of Education to develop programs regarding the contributions of veterans.*

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 115C-84.2, which is the school calendar statute, provides that Veterans Day must be a holiday for all public school personnel and for all students enrolled in the public schools.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 64 would direct that the month of November must be designated as "Veterans' History Awareness Month" in the public schools.

It would also require the State Board of Education (SBE) to develop programs in collaboration with military installations, veterans, and veterans service organizations that help students understand the importance of the contributions of American veterans and particularly veterans from North Carolina. Schools would be encouraged to collaborate with veterans and veterans' service organizations during Veterans' History Awareness Month.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The bill would become effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

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