



# HOUSE BILL 746: POW/MIA Flags/State Bldgs & Schools.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 746 would require POW/MIA flags to be flown at State owned buildings and public schools if the flags can be attached to an existing flagpole.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Currently the Department of Administration is specifically authorized to fly the official "Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA)" flag over the State Capitol on Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, and all other national holidays honoring veterans. There are no other General Statutes that outline requirements or authorizations that relate to flying POW/MIA flags.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 746 would:

- Require that all State owned buildings and all public school buildings, whenever the United States flag is displayed, display the POW/MIA flag when the flag can be attached to an existing flagpole and flown in accordance with the appropriate policies and procedures concerning the display of the State and United States flags.
- Require the State to purchase POW/MIA flags for State owned buildings in the same manner as the North Carolina flag is purchased.
- Specify that local boards of education may accept donations of the POW/MIA flag or shall purchase flags with available funds.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would become effective when it becomes law.

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