

## HOUSE BILL 139: U.S. & N.C. Flags/Made In USA.

2023-2024 General Assembly

Committee:	House State Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	March 23, 2023
Introduced by: Analysis of:	Reps. D. Hall, Chesser, Goodwin, Riddell PCS to First Edition H139-CSBG-3	Prepared by:	Howard Marsilio Staff Attorney

**OVERVIEW:** The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for House Bill 139 would prohibit State institutions and political subdivisions from purchasing United States and North Carolina flags with public funds that are not 100% made in the United States.

- The PCS removed price and quality determination exceptions.
- The PCS modified the effective date and would make this act effective and applicable to purchases on or after October 1, 2023.

**CURRENT LAW:** Current law outlines several preferences for North Carolina products and citizens, articles manufactured by State agencies, and products made in the United States. There are no laws that specifically apply to flag purchases.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The bill would prohibit State institutions and political subdivisions from using public funds to purchase a flag of the United States or a flag of the State of North Carolina unless the flag has been one hundred percent (100%) manufactured in the United States from articles, materials, and supplies that have been grown and manufactured in the United States.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would be effective October 1, 2023 and apply to purchases made on or after that date.

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