



# HOUSE BILL 487: POW/MIA Flags/State Bldgs & Schools.

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 487 would require the display of official Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) flags over all State-owned buildings and all public-school buildings under certain circumstances.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Current law authorizes the Department of Administration to fly the 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 statutes that relate to the POW/MIA flag.

## **BILL ANALYSIS:**

This bill would:

- Require that the official "Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA)" flag is displayed over all State owned buildings and at all public school buildings whenever the United States flag is displayed if the POW/MIA flag can be attached to an existing flagpole.
- Specify the POW/MIA flag shall be of suitable size and material and shall be displayed and flown in accordance with the appropriate policies and procedures concerning the display of the State and United States flags.
- This section does not apply to the POW/MIA flag flown over the State Capitol, which is flown pursuant to G.S. 143-345.9.
- Require the State to purchase POW/MIA flags for State owned buildings.
- 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 be effective when it becomes law.

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