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Short Title: N.C. History Taught in Grades 4 and 8.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE A YEARLONG
3 COURSE OF INSTRUCTION ON NORTH CAROLINA HISTORY AND
4 GEOGRAPHY TO ALL FOURTH- AND EIGHTH-GRADE STUDENTS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-81 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 "(b1) Both the standard course of study and the Basic Education Program shall
8 include the requirement that the public schools provide a yearlong course of instruction
9 on North Carolina history and geography to all students in the fourth grade and all
10 students in the eighth grade. Said course of instruction shall include contributions to the
11 history and geography of the State by the racial and ethnic groups that have contributed
12 to the diversity of the State. The course at each grade level may include up to four
13 weeks of instruction relating to the local area in which the students reside."

14 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to all
15 school years beginning with the 2001-2002 school year.