

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

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SENATE BILL 235*

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

Sponsors: Senators Hoyle; Albertson, Bingham, Carrington, Forrester, Gulley,
Horton, and Kerr.

Referred to: Education/Higher Education.

February 22, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE A YEARLONG
2 COURSE OF INSTRUCTION ON NORTH CAROLINA HISTORY AND
3 GEOGRAPHY TO ALL FOURTH- AND EIGHTH-GRADE STUDENTS.
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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. The course at each grade level shall include at least four
11 weeks of instruction relating to the local area in which the students reside."

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