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HOUSE BILL 579\*

Short Title: Modify Law Re: Corporal Punishment. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives M. Alexander and Johnson (Primary Sponsors).  
For a complete list of Sponsors, see Bill Information on the NCGA Web Site.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

April 4, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE INVOLVEMENT OF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN BEFORE  
SCHOOL OFFICIALS MAY ADMINISTER CORPORAL PUNISHMENT ON A  
STUDENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-391(a)(5) reads as rewritten:

"(5) ~~Corporal punishment shall not be administered on a student who is a child with a disability as defined in G.S. 115C-106.3(1) or on a student with a disability who is covered under section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 794, whose parent or guardian has stated in writing that corporal punishment shall not be administered on that student. Parents and guardians shall be given a form to make such an election at the beginning of the school year or when the student first enters the school during the year. If a parent or guardian has not submitted in writing that corporal punishment shall not be used on the student, then the form shall be presented to the parent or guardian at the first individualized education program or section 504 plan meeting held during the school year. Corporal punishment may be administered only on a student whose parent or guardian has stated in writing that corporal punishment may be administered on that student. Parents and guardians shall be given a form to make such an election at the beginning of the school year or when the student first enters the school during the school year.~~"

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.

