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HOUSE BILL DRH40262-LG-113

Short Title: POW/MIA Flags/State Bldgs & Schools. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Goodwin.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT REQUIRING POW/MIA FLAGS TO BE FLOWN AT STATE-OWNED  
3 BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS IF THE FLAG CAN BE ATTACHED TO AN  
4 EXISTING FLAGPOLE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. Chapter 144 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
7 section to read:

8 "**§ 144-10. Display of POW/MIA flag.**

9 The official "Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA)" flag shall be displayed and  
10 flown over all State-owned buildings and at all public school buildings whenever the United  
11 States flag is displayed if the POW/MIA flag can be attached to an existing flagpole. The  
12 POW/MIA flag shall be of suitable size and material and shall be displayed and flown in  
13 accordance with the appropriate policies and procedures concerning the display of the State and  
14 United States flags. This section does not apply to the POW/MIA flag flown over the State  
15 Capitol, which is flown pursuant to G.S. 143-345.9.

16 The State shall purchase POW/MIA flags for State-owned buildings in the same manner as  
17 the North Carolina flag is purchased. Local boards of education may accept donations of the  
18 POW/MIA flag or shall purchase flags with available funds."

19 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

