

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 512

Short Title: Adopt Official Hip Hop Song. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Murdock, Smith, and Salvador (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 26, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO ADOPT THE SONG "RAISE UP" AS THE OFFICIAL HIP HOP SONG OF THE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, in 2023, hip hop fans across North Carolina and the world celebrated the
50th anniversary of hip hop music; and

Whereas, North Carolina's Historically Black Colleges and Universities have helped
shape the rich and diverse sound of North Carolina's hip hop artists; and

Whereas, North Carolina is the home state of Petey Pablo, J. Cole, Rapsody, 9th
Wonder, Phonte, Big Pooh, and many other hip hop icons; and

Whereas, Moses Barrett, III, henceforth referred to as Petey Pablo, was born and
raised in Greenville, North Carolina; and

Whereas, Petey Pablo is a Grammy-nominated platinum rap artist that was inducted
into the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame in 2024; and

Whereas, "Raise Up" was released in August 2001 as a tribute to the people of North
Carolina and maintains its cultural significance as an anthem for the State; Now, therefore,
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
section to read:

"§ 145-52. Official hip hop song.

**The censored version of the song "Raise Up" by North Carolina rapper Petey Pablo is adopted
as the official hip hop song of the State of North Carolina."**

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

