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SENATE BILL 522

Short Title: Informational Literacy Bill. (Public)

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

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 4, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION ON INFORMATIONAL LITERACY IN SCHOOLS.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** Part 1 of Article 8 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended
5 by adding a new section to read:

6 "**§ 115C-81.66. Informational literacy.**

7 (a) As used in this section, the term "informational literacy" means a set of skills that
8 enable an individual to recognize when information is needed and to locate, evaluate, and use the
9 needed information effectively. Informational literacy includes, but is not limited to, digital,
10 visual, media, textual, and technological literacy.

11 (b) The State Board of Education shall adopt standards for age-appropriate instruction on
12 informational literacy for kindergarten through grade 12. The standards shall include at least the
13 following:

14 (1) The research process and how information is created and reproduced.

15 (2) Critical thinking skills and how to use information resources.

16 (3) Methods of research, including the difference between primary and secondary
17 sources.

18 (4) The differences between facts, points of view, and opinions.

19 (5) How to access peer-reviewed print and digital library resources.

20 (6) The economic, legal, and social issues surrounding the use of information.

21 (7) The ethical production of information.

22 (c) Local school administrative units shall consult with library/media personnel when
23 developing curriculum for the informational literacy standards."

24 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
25 the 2024-2025 school year.



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