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HOUSE BILL 538*
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/21/09

Short Title: Char/Meck School Board Police.

(Local)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 12, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION
3 TO MAINTAIN A CAMPUS POLICE AGENCY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 "**§ 115C-47.1. Campus law enforcement agencies.**

8 (a) A local board of education may establish a campus law enforcement agency and
9 employ campus police officers. These officers shall meet the requirements of Chapter 17C of
10 the General Statutes, shall take the oath of office prescribed by Article VI, Section 7 of the
11 Constitution, and shall have all the powers of law enforcement officers generally. The
12 territorial jurisdiction of a campus police officer shall include all property owned or leased to
13 the local board of education employing the officer and that portion of any public road or
14 highway passing through the property or immediately adjoining it, wherever located.

15 (b) A local board of education that establishes a campus law enforcement agency under
16 subsection (a) of this section may enter into joint agreements with the governing board of any
17 municipality to extend the territorial jurisdiction of campus police officers into any or all of the
18 municipality's jurisdiction and to determine the circumstances under which this extension of
19 authority may be granted.

20 (c) A local board of education that establishes a campus law enforcement agency under
21 subsection (a) of this section may enter into joint agreements with the governing board of any
22 county, with the consent of the sheriff, to extend the territorial jurisdiction of campus police
23 officers into any or all of the county and to determine the circumstances under which this
24 extension of authority may be granted.

25 (d) The subject matter jurisdiction of campus police officers on property not owned or
26 leased to the local board of education and within the territorial jurisdictions established
27 pursuant to an agreement authorized by subsection (b) or (c) of this section shall be limited to
28 investigations or arrests arising out of activities related to their duties, responsibilities, and
29 authority as employees of a local board of education."

30 **SECTION 2.** This act shall apply to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of
31 Education only.

32 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

