

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 748

Short Title: Teach Critical Thinking in Elementary. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Sanderson (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 26, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR INSTRUCTION IN CRITICAL THINKING IN PUBLIC
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"§ 115C-81.77. Critical thinking.

The standard course of study shall include that the public schools provide instruction in
critical thinking in kindergarten through grade five so that students can learn to evaluate
information rather than simply memorize it."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
the 2025-2026 school year.



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