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Short Title: Evolution Not Taught as Fact.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL LAWS TO ENSURE THAT
EVOLUTION IS NOT TAUGHT AS FACT IN NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOLS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 115C-81.3. Students shall not be taught evolution as fact.

The State Board of Education and local boards of education shall ensure that students in North Carolina public schools are not taught evolution as proven fact."

Section 2. The State Board of Education shall revise the Standard Course of Study in the science curriculum to reflect that evolution is taught as a scientific theory, not as a proven fact. The Board shall make the necessary changes to the Standard Course of Study by July 15, 1997.

Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997, and shall apply beginning with the 1997-98 school year.