

Dear Art,

I would like to preface my remarks with my expression of admiration for the students and teachers who want to dig deeply into things that affect their world. Inquisitive minds make good leaders.

To respond to your questions, the bill was drafted in 2015 with the main sponsor being Dan Soucek from Boone. The bill went through at least two committees in the Senate that allowed public comment.

The bill passed the Senate, went to the House where it passed and was then signed into law by the Governor McCrory.

The intentions behind the bill were to protect the historic monuments around the state that reflect our history. I do not know the feelings of current legislators, I am sure the opinions are mixed. There has not been any substantive proposal to alter this law since it was passed. The law can be amended or repealed by introducing another bill to change the law.

The people of North Carolina are the ones who can ask their Legislators to draft legislation to do whatever is the will of the people. The decision is ultimately theirs.

I hope I have answered your questions. If you have further questions, please let me know. Again, thank you for asking good questions.

Sincerely,
Senator John Alexander