



Roy Cooper, Governor
State of North Carolina

GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

Senate Bill 173, "AN ACT TO PROVIDE PARENTAL DISCRETION IN REQUIREMENTS FOR FACE COVERINGS ON PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIT PROPERTY."

I have encouraged local boards to lift mask mandates and they are doing it across the state with the advice of health officials who see that COVID metrics are declining and vaccinations are increasing. The bipartisan law the legislature passed and I signed last year allows local boards to make these decisions for their own communities and that is still the right course. Passing laws for political purposes that encourage people to pick and choose which health rules they want to follow is dangerous and could tie the hands of public health officials in the future.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Cooper".

Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 24 day of February 2022, at 2:57 PM for reconsideration by that body.

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PART III. REPEAL OF MONTHLY VOTING REQUIREMENTS ON FACE COVERINGS

SECTION 3. Section 10 of S.L. 2021-130 is repealed.

PART IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 17th day of February, 2022.



Warren Daniel
Presiding Officer of the Senate

VETO



Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved _____ .m. this _____ day of _____, 2022

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