

114TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5074

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2016

Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FUNDING CONTINGENT ON RESPECT FOR CON-**  
4 **STITUTIONAL SCHOOL PRAYER.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
6 sion of law, no funds made available through the Depart-  
7 ment of Education shall be provided to any State or local  
8 educational agency that has a policy of denying, or that

1 effectively prevents participation in, constitutional prayer  
2 in public schools by individuals on a voluntary basis.

3 (b) LIMITATION.—No person shall be required to par-  
4 ticipate in prayer, or shall influence the form or content  
5 of any constitutional prayer, in public schools.

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