

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

HB 1086 # 4

DIGEST

Protected writings. Removes all language in the bill and includes the Ten Commandments on a list of protected writings, documents, and records. Provides that a principal or teacher may not read the Ten Commandments when students are present.

- 1 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:
- 2 SECTION 1. IC 20-30-5-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005, SECTION
- 3 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
- 4 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) This section applies to the following writings,
- 5 documents, and records:
- 6 (1) The Constitution of the United States.
- 7 (2) The national motto.
- 8 (3) The national anthem.
- 9 (4) The Pledge of Allegiance.
- 10 (5) The Constitution of the State of Indiana.
- 11 (6) The Declaration of Independence.
- 12 (7) The Mayflower Compact.
- 13 (8) The Federalist Papers.
- 14 (9) "Common Sense" by Thomas Paine.
- 15 (10) The writings, speeches, documents, and proclamations of the
- 16 founding fathers and presidents of the United States.
- 17 (11) United States Supreme Court decisions.
- 18 (12) Executive orders of the presidents of the United States.
- 19 (13) Frederick Douglas' Speech at Rochester, New York, on July
- 20 5, 1852, entitled "What to a Slave is the Fourth of July?".
- 21 (14) Appeal by David Walker.
- 22 (15) Chief Seattle's letter to the United States government in 1852
- 23 in response to the United States government's inquiry regarding
- 24 the purchase of tribal lands.
- 25 **(16) The Ten Commandments.**
- 26 (b) A school corporation may allow a principal or teacher in the

1 school corporation to read or post in a school building or classroom or
2 at a school event any excerpt or part of a writing, document, or record
3 listed in subsection (a), **except that a principal or teacher may not**
4 **read the Ten Commandments when students are present.**

5 (c) A school corporation may not permit the content based
6 censorship of American history or heritage based on religious
7 references in a writing, document, or record listed in subsection (a).

8 (d) A library, a media center, or an equivalent facility that a school
9 corporation maintains for student use must contain in the facility's
10 permanent collection at least one (1) copy of each writing or document
11 listed in subsection (a)(1) through (a)(9) **and subsection (a)(16).**

12 (e) A school corporation:

13 (1) shall allow a student to include a reference to a writing,
14 document, or record listed in subsection (a) in a report or other
15 work product; and

16 (2) may not punish the student in any way, including a reduction
17 in grade, for using the reference.

(Reference is to HB 1086 as introduced.)