
HOUSE BILL No. 1086

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Synopsis: Display of Ten Commandments.

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Second Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2026)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 20-30-5-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.1-2005,
2 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) This section applies to the following
4 writings, documents, and records:
5 (1) The Constitution of the United States.
6 (2) The national motto.
7 (3) The national anthem.
8 (4) The Pledge of Allegiance.
9 (5) The Constitution of the State of Indiana.
10 (6) The Declaration of Independence.
11 (7) The Mayflower Compact.
12 (8) The Federalist Papers.
13 (9) "Common Sense" by Thomas Paine.
14 (10) The writings, speeches, documents, and proclamations of
15 the founding fathers and presidents of the United States.

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(11) United States Supreme Court decisions.

(12) Executive orders of the presidents of the United States.

(13) Frederick Douglas' Speech at Rochester, New York, on July 5, 1852, entitled "What to a Slave is the Fourth of July?".

(14) Appeal by David Walker.

(15) Chief Seattle's letter to the United States government in 1852 in response to the United States government's inquiry regarding the purchase of tribal lands.

(16) The Ten Commandments.

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

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

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

(e) A school corporation:

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

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

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