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HOUSE BILL No. 1086

Proposed Changes to introduced printing by AM108604

DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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.

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 20-30-3-6 IS>~~ [IC 20-30-5-3, AS] ADDED ~~<TO~~
2 ~~THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW>~~ [BY P.L. 1-2005,] SECTION [14,
3 IS AMENDED] TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
4 2026]: ~~<Sec. 6. Subject to IC 36-1-16-2, each>~~ [Sec. 3. (a) This
5 section applies to the following writings, 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
16 the 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

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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 ~~<shall place a durable poster or framed picture representing the text of the Ten Commandments in each school library and classroom within>~~ [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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