
SENATE BILL 5483

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By Senators McCune, Fortunato, J. Wilson, Christian, Torres, Holy, Warnick, Dozier, and Wagoner

1 AN ACT Relating to history and heritage education; adding a new
2 section to chapter 28A.320 RCW; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 School districts may not censor or restrict instruction in United
7 States or Washington state history or heritage based on religious
8 references in original source documents, writings, speeches,
9 proclamations, or records, including:

- 10 (1) The Mayflower compact;
11 (2) The Declaration of Independence;
12 (3) The Constitution of the United States;
13 (4) The Washington state Constitution;
14 (5) The preambles and constitutions of other states within the
15 United States;
16 (6) The Northwest Ordinance of 1787;
17 (7) The Federalist Papers;
18 (8) The Pledge of Allegiance;
19 (9) The national anthem;
20 (10) George Washington's farewell address to the nation;
21 (11) Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address;

1 (12) United States' presidential proclamations; and
2 (13) Patrick Henry's speeches.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act may be known and cited as the
4 American heritage act for Washington state.

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