

# HOUSE BILL No. 4280

February 15, 2001, Introduced by Reps. Gosselin, DeWeese, Vear, Julian, Garcia, Bradstreet, Vander Veen, Voorhees, Vander Roest, Raczkowski, Kuipers, Jansen, Hart and Ehardt and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled  
"The revised school code,"  
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1166a.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 1166A. (1) THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR BOARD OF  
2 DIRECTORS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY IS ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE IN  
3 EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOM IN GRADES 3 TO 12, BEFORE THE BEGIN-  
4 NING OF EACH SCHOOL DAY, AN ORAL RECITATION OF THE FOLLOWING  
5 EXCERPT FROM THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE: "WE HOLD THESE  
6 TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT, THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL, THAT  
7 THEY ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE  
8 RIGHTS, THAT AMONG THESE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF  
9 HAPPINESS. THAT TO SECURE THESE RIGHTS, GOVERNMENTS ARE  
10 INSTITUTED AMONG MEN, DERIVING THEIR JUST POWERS FROM THE CONSENT  
11 OF THE GOVERNED....".

1           (2) THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
2 A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY IS ENCOURAGED TO ESTABLISH IN ITS CURRIC-  
3 ULUM A STUDY OF THE MEANING AND IMPORTANCE OF THE STATEMENT  
4 QUOTED IN SUBSECTION (1) IN ITS EIGHTEENTH CENTURY CONTEXT,  
5 INCLUDING AT LEAST THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE STATEMENT'S IDEAS TO  
6 THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, TO THE FORMULATION OF THE UNITED STATES  
7 CONSTITUTION, AND TO SUBSEQUENT UNITED STATES HISTORY.