

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 121

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled  
"The revised school code,"  
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1167.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1        SEC. 1167. (1) THE LEGISLATURE RECOGNIZES THAT A VITAL PURPOSE  
2 OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION OF 1963 IS TO  
3 DEVELOP GOOD CITIZENS. IN ORDER TO DEVELOP GOOD CITIZENS, AN  
4 UNDERSTANDING OF AMERICAN HISTORY AND AMERICA'S FIRST PRINCIPLES IS  
5 INDISPENSABLE. THE LEGISLATURE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT AMERICAN CITIZENS  
6 MUST TAKE TIME TO HONOR THE FIRST PRINCIPLES, FOUNDERS, DOCUMENTS,  
7 AND SYMBOLS OF THEIR HISTORY. THEREFORE, EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IS  
8 ENCOURAGED TO DESIGNATE AND OBSERVE 1 WEEK EACH SCHOOL YEAR AS  
9 "PATRIOT WEEK", TO BE OBSERVED BY ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS AND

1 PUPILS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

2 (2) THE BOARD OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A  
3 PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY IS ENCOURAGED TO ENSURE THAT, DURING ITS  
4 PATRIOT WEEK, THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTION IS PROVIDED TO ALL PUPILS  
5 IN GRADES K TO 12 IN AN AGE-APPROPRIATE AND GRADE-APPROPRIATE  
6 MANNER:

7 (A) INSTRUCTION IN THE SACRIFICES MADE BY MILLIONS OF MILITARY  
8 PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THE DEFENSE OF LIBERTY STARTING  
9 WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND PROGRESSING TO CURRENT CONFLICTS.  
10 DISCUSSION SHOULD ADDRESS THE HISTORIC AND MODERN-DAY SIGNIFICANCE  
11 OF VETERANS' DAY, INDEPENDENCE DAY, AND MEMORIAL DAY.

12 (B) INSTRUCTION IN FIRST PRINCIPLES, THAT AFFIRMS THAT THE  
13 RULE OF LAW, THE SOCIAL COMPACT, EQUALITY, UNALIENABLE RIGHTS, AND  
14 LIMITED GOVERNMENT ARE THE FIRST PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH AMERICA WAS  
15 FOUNDED AND FLOURISHES.

16 (C) INSTRUCTION IN THE FOUNDING DOCUMENTS, THAT EXPLORES HOW  
17 THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, THE CONSTITUTION, AND THE  
18 CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION FORWARDING THE CONSTITUTION TO THE STATES  
19 ARE KEY DOCUMENTS THAT EMBODY AMERICA'S FIRST PRINCIPLES AND HAVE  
20 ADVANCED AMERICAN LIBERTY.