

FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE BILL NO. 161**  
93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on Education, March 1, 2005, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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**AN ACT**

To amend chapter 160, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the powers of local school boards.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 160, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 160.745, to read as follows:

**160.745. 1. This act shall be known as "The Founding Documents Protection Act".**

**2. The board of directors of any school district shall not prohibit any teacher or administrator in a public school district of the state of Missouri to read or post in a public school building, classroom, or at a school event any excerpts or portions of the following:**

- (1) National motto;**
- (2) National anthem;**
- (3) Pledge of allegiance;**
- (4) Preamble of the Missouri Constitution;**
- (5) Declaration of Independence;**
- (6) Mayflower Compact;**
- (7) The writings, speeches, documents, and proclamations of the founding fathers and presidents of the United States;**
- (8) The United States Supreme Court decisions;**
- (9) Acts of the United States Congress, including the published text of the Congressional Record; and**
- (10) The writings, speeches, documents, and proclamations of the civil rights leaders of our nation.**

3. There shall be no content-based censorship of American history or heritage in the state of Missouri based on religious references in the writings, documents, and records specified in this section.

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