

House Bill 1027

By: Representatives Purcell of the 147th, Greene of the 158th and Floyd of the 138th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, so as to authorize the posting or reading of historical documents and writings, including the national motto of the United States of America, in public school buildings and classrooms and at any school event; to prohibit certain content based censorship; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to elementary and secondary education, is amended by adding a new Article 21A to read as follows:

"ARTICLE 21A

20-2-1060.

Any teacher, administrator, school council, or local board of education in this state may post in any public school building or classroom or may read at any public school event any historical document, writing, or record relating to the founding of the United States of America or this state, or both, notwithstanding the fact that such materials may include religious quotations, references, or illustrations. There shall be no content based censorship of United States or Georgia history, heritage, or culture based on any religious references contained in such documents, writings, or records. Each principal and each teacher in any public school in this state may display an appropriately framed copy of the national motto of the United States of America in each classroom, school auditorium, and school cafeteria under his or her supervision."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.