

House Bill 158

By: Representatives Bridges of the 10th, Keen of the 179th, Hembree of the 67th, Yates of the 73rd, Houston of the 170th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to quality basic education, so as to provide that no school or school
3 system receiving state funds shall prohibit or restrict the use of historical documents in
4 classrooms for educational purposes on the basis that such documents contain or make
5 reference to God; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an
6 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
10 relating to quality basic education, is amended by adding a new Code Section 20-2-308 to
11 read as follows:

12 "20-2-308.

13 ~~Reserved~~ No school or school system receiving state funds shall prohibit or restrict the use
14 of historical documents in classrooms for educational purposes on the basis that such
15 documents contain or make reference to God or the Creator. For the purposes of this Code
16 section, the term 'historical document' shall mean documents associated with the origin,
17 founding, composition, or structure of the United States and the several states, including,
18 but not limited to, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States,
19 the constitutions of the several states, and the laws and judicial decisions of the United
20 States and the several states."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
23 without such approval.

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SECTION 3.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.