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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to reading or posting of historic documents or  
2 writings at public schools.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.58 READING OR POSTING OF  
2 HISTORIC WRITINGS AND DOCUMENTS.

3 The board of directors of a school district may allow and  
4 encourage any teacher or administrator to read or post in a  
5 public school building or classroom or at an event excerpts or  
6 portions of any of the following: the preamble to the  
7 Constitution of the State of Iowa; the Declaration of  
8 Independence; the Constitution of the United States; the  
9 Mayflower Compact; the national motto; the national anthem;  
10 the pledge of allegiance; the writings, speeches, documents,  
11 and proclamations of the founding fathers and presidents of  
12 the United States; organic documents from the pre-colonial,  
13 colonial, revolutionary, federalist, and post-federalist eras;  
14 United States Supreme Court decisions; Acts of the United  
15 States Congress; and the published text of the congressional  
16 record. There shall be no content-based censorship of  
17 American history or heritage in this State based on religious  
18 or other references in these writings, documents, and records.

19 Sec. 2. Upon the effective date of this Act, the director  
20 of the department of education shall send a copy of this Act  
21 to all school districts in this state whereupon local  
22 superintendents shall provide a copy of this Act to all  
23 licensed school personnel.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill provides that any teacher or administrator shall  
26 be allowed to read or post certain historic documents or  
27 writings at any public school.

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