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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT
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Approved April 1

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the designation of a Bill of Rights Day.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HOUSE FILE 2248

S-5203

1 Amend House File 2248, as passed by the House, as
2 follows:
3 1. Page 1, line 1, by striking the words "BILL OF
4 RIGHTS" and inserting the following: "CONSTITUTIONAL
5 FREEDOMS".
6 2. Page 1, line 4, by striking the words "Bill of
7 Rights" and inserting the following: "Constitutional
8 Freedoms".
9 3. Title page, line 1, by striking the words
10 "Bill of Rights" and inserting the following:
11 "Constitutional Freedoms".

By STEVEN D. HANSEN

S-5203 FILED MARCH 19, 2002

Do + 3/21/02 (P. 762)

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 1C.12 BILL OF RIGHTS DAY.
2 The governor of this state is hereby authorized and
3 requested to issue annually a proclamation designating the
4 fifteenth day of December as Bill of Rights Day and to
5 encourage all governmental bodies in the state to observe the
6 day in a manner that emphasizes the meaning and importance of
7 the first ten amendments to the Constitution of the United
8 States, and encourage a formal recitation of the Bill of
9 Rights in its entirety in all schools, government meetings,
10 and courtrooms on or about that date.

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill authorizes and requests the governor to issue
13 annually a proclamation designating December 15, the month and
14 day of ratification in 1791 of the first 10 amendments to the
15 Constitution of the United States, as "Bill of Rights Day".
16 The proclamation is also intended to encourage all
17 governmental bodies in the state to observe the day in a
18 manner that emphasizes the meaning and importance of the Bill
19 of Rights, and to encourage a formal recitation of the Bill of
20 Rights in its entirety in all schools, government meetings,
21 and courtrooms on or about that date.

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1 Amend House File 2248, as passed by the House, as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 10 the
4 following:

5 "Sec. ____ . Section 256.18, Code 2001, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 256.18 CHARACTER EDUCATION POLICY ~~---PILOT~~
8 PROGRAM.

9 1. It is the policy of the general assembly that
10 Iowa's schools be the best and safest possible. To
11 that end, each school is encouraged to instill the
12 highest character and academic excellence in each
13 student, in close cooperation with the student's
14 parents, and with input from the community and
15 educators.

16 Schools should make every effort, formally and
17 informally, to stress character qualities that will
18 maintain a safe and orderly learning environment, and
19 that will ultimately equip students to be model
20 citizens. These qualities may include but are not
21 limited to honesty; responsibility; respect and care
22 for the person and property of others; self-
23 discipline; understanding of, respect for, and
24 obedience to law and citizenship; courage, initiative,
25 commitment, and perseverance; kindness, compassion,
26 service, and loyalty; fairness, moderation, and
27 patience; and the dignity and necessity of hard work
28 caring, civic virtue and citizenship, justice and
29 fairness, respect, responsibility, trustworthiness,
30 giving, and any other qualities deemed appropriate by
31 a school.

32 2. The department of education shall assist
33 schools in accessing financial and curricular
34 resources to implement programs stressing these
35 character qualities. Schools are encouraged to use
36 their existing resources to implement programs
37 stressing these qualities. Whenever possible, the
38 department shall develop partnerships with schools,
39 nonprofit organizations, or an institution of higher
40 education, or with a consortium of two or more of
41 those entities, to design and implement character
42 education programs that may be integrated into
43 classroom instruction and may be carried out with
44 other educational reforms.

45 ~~2. The department of education shall establish a~~
46 ~~character education pilot program to evaluate methods~~
47 ~~for incorporating positive character qualities into~~
48 ~~all levels of the existing educational program.~~
49 Schools involved in the pilot program may use phase
50 III funds in the establishment of the program.

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~~1 3. The department of education shall report to the
2 state board and to the general assembly regarding the
3 success of any pilot programs prior to the completion
4 of the third year of a program.~~

5 Sec. ____ . NEW SECTION. 279.60 DISPLAY OF UNITED
6 STATES FLAG IN CLASSROOMS.

7 In addition to the requirements of section 280.5,
8 the board of directors of each school district shall
9 cause an American-made United States flag in good
10 condition to be displayed during school hours in each
11 public school classroom in the district.

12 Sec. ____ . NEW SECTION. 280.6A OBSERVANCE --
13 MOMENT OF SILENCE.

14 The board of directors of a school district may
15 establish a daily observance of one minute of silence
16 in each classroom. A teacher employed by a school
17 district may also establish a daily observance of one
18 minute of silence in the teacher's classroom. During
19 any daily observance of the one-minute period of
20 silence, each teacher responsible for a classroom
21 shall ensure that students remain attentive so that
22 each student may reflect or engage in any silent
23 activity that does not interfere with other students
24 in their exercise of their choice."

25 2. Title page, by striking line 1 and inserting
26 the following: "An Act relating to patriotic and
27 educational activities in schools, government
28 meetings, and courtrooms."

29 3. By renumbering as necessary.

By STEVEN D. HANSEN

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S-5207

1 Amend House File 2248, as passed by the House, as
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 10, by inserting after the word
4 "date." the following: "The state of Iowa, through
5 its agencies, offices, and courts, shall provide a
6 copy of the Constitution of the United States,
7 including the Bill of Rights and other amendments to
8 the Constitution, upon request, to any local
9 government, as defined in section 405A.1."

10 2. By renumbering as necessary.

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States, and encourage a formal recitation of the Bill of Rights in its entirety in all schools, government meetings, and courtrooms on or about that date.

BRENT SIEGRIST
Speaker of the House

MARY E. KRAMER
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2248, Seventy-ninth General Assembly.

MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved 4/1, 2002

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor

HOUSE FILE 2248

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RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF A BILL OF RIGHTS DAY.

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

Section 1. NEW SECTION. 1C.12 BILL OF RIGHTS DAY.

The governor of this state is hereby authorized and requested to issue annually a proclamation designating the fifteenth day of December as Bill of Rights Day and to encourage all governmental bodies in the state to observe the day in a manner that emphasizes the meaning and importance of the first ten amendments to the Constitution of the United