

**Senate File 2101 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring school districts and nonpublic schools to  
2 display a portion of the preamble of the Declaration of  
3 Independence in their schools.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 280.5A Display — preamble of the  
2 Declaration of Independence.

3 The board of directors of each school district and the  
4 authorities in charge of each nonpublic school shall cause to  
5 be displayed in every school attendance center operated by the  
6 school district or nonpublic school the following words from  
7 the preamble of the Declaration of Independence: We hold these  
8 truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that  
9 they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable  
10 Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of  
11 Happiness.

12 EXPLANATION

13 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
14 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

15 This bill requires every public school board and the  
16 authorities in charge of each accredited nonpublic school  
17 to cause every school to display the first sentence of the  
18 preamble of the Declaration of Independence.