

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

4 **By: Representatives Wooldridge, Maddox, and Baker**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "THE _AMERICAN HERITAGE EDUCATION ACT_."

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Subtitle

11 "THE _AMERICAN HERITAGE EDUCATION ACT_."

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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15 SECTION 1. Local school boards may allow and encourage any teacher or
16 administrator in a public school district of this state to read or post in a
17 public school building, classroom, or event any excerpts or portions of: the
18 preamble to the state constitution; the Declaration of Independence; the
19 United States Constitution; the Mayflower Compact; the national motto; the
20 national anthem; the pledge of allegiance; the writings, speeches, documents
21 and proclamations of the Founding Fathers and Presidents of the United States;
22 organic documents from the pre-Colonial, Colonial, Revolutionary, Federalist,
23 and post-Federalist Eras; U. S. Supreme Court decisions; and acts of the U. S.
24 Congress including the published text of the Congressional Record. There
25 shall be no content based censorship of American history or heritage in this
26 state based on religious or other references in these writings, documents, and
27 records.

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29 SECTION 2. A copy of this act shall be distributed to the
30 superintendent of each school district in the state by the Department of
31 Education whereupon the superintendents then shall provide a copy to each
32 teacher and each school board member.

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34 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
35 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code

1 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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3 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
4 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
5 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
6 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
7 act are declared to be severable.

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9 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
10 hereby repealed.

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