

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: H2/8/01

83rd General Assembly

# A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1072

By: Representative Minton

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS  
IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO CONDUCT A DAILY ORAL RECITATION  
OF AN EXCERPT FROM THE "DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE";  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT PRINCIPALS AND  
TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO CONDUCT A  
DAILY ORAL RECITATION OF AN EXCERPT FROM  
THE "DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE".

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

*SECTION 1. Intent. [THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION IS NOT  
REQUIRED TO CODIFY THIS SECTION.]*

*It is the belief of the General Assembly that the United States was  
founded on the principals recited in the Declaration of Independence and that  
these principals formed the core of our political belief and that it is  
important to pass these core beliefs onto future generations.*

*SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 16, Subchapter 1 is amended  
by adding an additional section to read as follows:*

*6-16-129. Declaration of Independence.*

*Teachers in public schools may conduct, at any point during school  
hours, an oral recitation of the following  
excerpt from the "Declaration of Independence": "We hold these truths to be  
self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their*

1 creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty  
2 and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are  
3 instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the  
4 governed. "

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