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By Representatives McMahan, Johnson, Hargrove, Goldsmith, Sheahan, Hymes, Buck, Benton, Mulliken, Koster, Pelesky, Sterk, Lambert, Campbell, Smith, Stevens, McMorris, Mitchell, Talcott, Thompson, Mastin, Backlund, Honeyford, D. Sommers, Hankins, Lisk, Carrell, Robertson and Casada

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1 AN ACT Relating to censorship by school districts; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 28A.230 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.230  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 School district boards of directors shall not censor any documents,  
7 writings, speeches, or records relating to United States history or  
8 heritage because of religious references in these documents, writings,  
9 speeches, or records. School district boards of directors shall allow  
10 any teacher or administrator in any public school to read or post in a  
11 public school building or classroom, or at a public school event, any  
12 excerpts or portions of documents, writings, speeches, or records  
13 relating to United States history or heritage, including: The Pledge  
14 of Allegiance; the preamble to the Washington Constitution; the  
15 Declaration of Independence; the Mayflower Compact; the writings,  
16 speeches, documents, and proclamations of the founding fathers and  
17 presidents of the United States; United States supreme court decisions;

1 and acts of the United States congress, including the published text of  
2 the Congressional Record.

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