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HOUSE BILL 2377

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By Representatives McCune and Ahern

Read first time 01/12/12. Referred to Committee on Education.

1            AN ACT Relating to history and heritage education; adding a new  
2 section to chapter 28A.320 RCW; and creating a new section.

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.320  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6            School districts may not censor or restrict instruction in United  
7 States or Washington state history or heritage based on religious  
8 references in original source documents, writings, speeches,  
9 proclamations, or records such as:

- 10            (1) The Mayflower compact;
- 11            (2) The Declaration of Independence;
- 12            (3) The Constitution of the United States;
- 13            (4) The Washington state Constitution;
- 14            (5) The preambles and constitutions of other states within the  
15 United States;
- 16            (6) The Northwest Ordinance of 1787;
- 17            (7) The Federalist Papers;
- 18            (8) The Pledge of Allegiance;
- 19            (9) The national anthem;

- 1 (10) George Washington's farewell address to the nation;
- 2 (11) Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address;
- 3 (12) United States' presidential proclamations; and
- 4 (13) Patrick Henry's speeches.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act may be known and cited as the  
6 American heritage act for Washington state.

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