

SENATE BILL 751

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By: **Senator Haines**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education - Professional Personnel - American History or Heritage**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each county board of education to allow teachers or
4 other professional personnel to read or post in certain locations excerpts of
5 certain writings, documents, or records pertaining to American history or
6 heritage.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Education
9 Section 4-108
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Education**

15 4-108.

16 (A) Each county board shall:

17 (1) To the best of its ability carry out the applicable provisions of this
18 article and the bylaws, rules, regulations, and policies of the State Board;

19 (2) Maintain throughout its county a reasonably uniform system of
20 public schools that is designed to provide quality education and equal educational
21 opportunity for all children;

22 (3) Subject to this article and to the applicable bylaws, rules, and
23 regulations of the State Board, determine, with the advice of the county
24 superintendent, the educational policies of the county school system; and

25 (4) Adopt, codify, and make available to the public bylaws, rules, and
26 regulations not inconsistent with State law, for the conduct and management of the
27 county public schools.

1 (B) EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL ALLOW A TEACHER OR OTHER
2 PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL TO READ OR POST IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING OR
3 CLASSROOM OR AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL EVENT AN EXCERPT OF:

4 (1) THE NATIONAL MOTTO;

5 (2) THE NATIONAL ANTHEM;

6 (3) THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE;

7 (4) THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE;

8 (5) WRITINGS, SPEECHES, DOCUMENTS, AND PROCLAMATIONS OF THE
9 FOUNDING FATHERS OR PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES; OR

10 (6) ARTICLE 36 OF THE MARYLAND DECLARATION OF RIGHTS.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 July 1, 2001.