

Members of Congress,

SB 2260 needs A DO NOT PASS recommendation.

I read with interest SB 2260 concerning parental rights. Was this bill discussed with any schoolteachers prior to its introduction? The requirements stipulated by the bill will put a tremendous burden and limitations on teachers.

How is one to teach World History, US History, Sociology, Health, Literature, or most any class that involves subjective subject matter without fear of offending someone? We can't please everyone. That is life.

-Will reading Orwell's "Animal Farm" offend a Socialist?

-Will Twain's "Adventures of Huck Finn" contain language that is now deemed inappropriate?

-If a parent objects to covering a unit on the history of Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, or Judaism in my World History class, should I not teach that unit?

Should I make a separate lesson plan for the offended? Should the student be excused from class that week?

-If an event happens in the news and it provides a teachable moment, I am using it. Under the parameters of your bill, I can't do that.

As a high school social studies teacher with 20+ years' experience, I would hope one could trust my professionalism and ability to teach with an open mind and allow my students to reach their own conclusions. HB 2260 will allow parents to dictate classrooms.

I eagerly anticipate and appreciate responses to my inquiry about this bill. (Just as parents will eagerly anticipate and appreciate responses to concerns regarding any lesson plans that I post three days prior to presenting them to my classes.)

Respectfully,

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