

Chairman:

My name is John Adams. I served in the Ohio House for four terms representing the people of the 78th District. I sponsored the House version of SB-165 of the 129th General Assembly. The Founding of America Documents Bill was originally sponsored approximately 8 years earlier by Representative Diana Fessler who currently is serving on the State School Board.

Since passed, student test scores have been a resounding success, as test scores have risen every year. What would be the reason for reducing the testing requirement for the study of these documents...the documents that formed this nation.

It is important that high school students learn and understand United States history and the governments of both the school course but equivalent as to a Am. S. B. No. 165 As Passed by the Senate United States and the state of Ohio.

Therefore, beginning with students who enter ninth grade for the first time on or after July 1, 2012, the study of American history and American government required by divisions (B)(6) and (C)(6) of this section shall include the study of all of the following documents:

- (1) The Declaration of Independence;
- (2) The Northwest Ordinance;
- (3) The Constitution of the United States with emphasis on the Bill of Rights;
- (4) The Ohio Constitution.

The study of each of the documents prescribed in divisions (M)(1) to (4) of this section shall include study of that document in its historical context.

The study of American history and government required by divisions (B)(6) and (C)(6) of this section shall include the historical evidence of the role of documents such as the Federalist Papers and the Anti-Federalist Papers to firmly establish the historical background leading to the establishment of the provisions of the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

These words are from SB-165. To reduce any portion of the current testing is a failure on your part and the education of our children. It is known that testing drives curriculum. Is Critical Race Theory more important? What do you plan in this bill as a replacement regarding the reduced testing requirement. I and citizens of Ohio would be astounded to learn of the actions of not wanting to teach and test on the Founders Documents. I oppose this bill for this suppose.

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