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January 19, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives LADWIG, COLEMAN, NASS, SKINDRUD, OWENS, FREESE, ZUKOWSKI, SCHNEIDERS, JENSEN, VRAKAS, HANDRICK, AINSWORTH, SERATTI, GARD, OTT, BRANDEMUEHL and LAZICH, cosponsored by Senator PETAK. Referred to Committee on Education.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 118.06 (title); and **to create** 118.06 (3) of the statutes; **relating**
2 **to:** the display and use of historical documents by school boards.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill provides that a school board may not prohibit the display or use for instructional purposes of any of various historical documents, including the preamble to the Wisconsin constitution, the Mayflower compact, the Declaration of Independence, the writings and speeches of the founding fathers and U.S. presidents, U.S. supreme court opinions and acts of congress. The bill also requires a school board to ensure that, if any of the documents are displayed or used for instructional purposes, religious references are not deleted from the documents.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 118.06 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 **118.06** (title) ~~Flag and Display of flag and historical documents;~~ **pledge**
5 **of allegiance.**

6 **SECTION 2.** 118.06 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

7 118.06 (3) (a) A school board may not prohibit the display in a public school or
8 the use for instructional purposes of copies of or excerpts from the national motto;
9 the national anthem; the pledge of allegiance; the preamble to the Wisconsin
10 constitution; the Declaration of Independence; the Mayflower compact; the writings

1 and speeches of the founding fathers and presidents of the United States; U.S.
2 supreme court decisions; or acts of congress including the published text of the
3 congressional record.

4 (b) If any of the documents specified under par. (a) are displayed in a public
5 school or used for instructional purposes, the school board shall ensure that religious
6 references are not deleted from the documents.

7 (END)