

**HOUSE BILL NO. 339**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE KOTT**

**Introduced: 1/10/94**

**Referred: Health, Education & Social Services, Judiciary**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the use in public schools of historical documents without  
2 alteration or removal of religious or secular references when the references are  
3 a part of the text of the document; providing that the use of historical  
4 documents does not constitute the advocacy of partisan, sectarian, or  
5 denominational doctrine; and providing that public school teachers and  
6 administrators may not be disciplined or otherwise acted against for using  
7 historical documents; requiring the Department of Education to distribute copies  
8 of the law; and providing for an effective date."

9 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

10 \* Section 1. AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11           Sec. 14.03.095. DOCUMENTS RELATING TO AMERICAN HISTORY  
12           PROTECTED. (a) A historical document of a state or the United States may be used

1 by a public school teacher or administrator as a part of the curriculum of the public  
2 school at which the teacher or administrator is employed. A historical document used  
3 as a part of the public school curriculum may be used in whole or in part, but may not  
4 be altered to remove religious or secular references when the religious or secular  
5 references are a part of the text of the historical document.

6 (b) The use of a historical document by a teacher or administrator does not  
7 constitute the advocacy of a partisan, sectarian, or denominational doctrine under  
8 AS 14.03.090.

9 (c) A public school teacher or administrator who uses a historical document  
10 may not be disciplined or otherwise acted against for using the document.

11 (d) In this section, "historical document" includes the Declaration of  
12 Independence, the Constitution of the United States or a state, constitutional or organic  
13 documents of the American colonies, the Mayflower Compact, the pledge of allegiance  
14 to the United States, a state or national motto or anthem, a state or federal enactment,  
15 the writings of a current or former president of the United States, the writings of a  
16 person who signed the Declaration of Independence, a state or federal court decision,  
17 and documents published by a state or the federal government.

18 \* Sec. 2. The Department of Education shall distribute copies of this Act to the school  
19 board of a school district or regional educational attendance area and to each chief school  
20 administrator.

21 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 4, 1994.