

# Legislative Analysis



## CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY TEXTS TO BE POSTED IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS

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**House Bill 5703 as reported from committee**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Annette Glenn**  
**Committee: Education**  
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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 5703 would amend the Revised School Code to require the boards of school districts or intermediate school districts (ISDs) and the boards of directors of public school academies (PSAs, or charter schools) to ensure that the following texts are prominently posted in specified areas:

Section 1 of Article VIII of the Michigan Constitution of 1963:

Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.

Section 10 of the Revised School Code:

It is the natural, fundamental right of parents and legal guardians to determine and direct the care, teaching, and education of their children. The public schools of this state serve the needs of the pupils by cooperating with the pupil's parents and legal guardians to develop the pupil's intellectual capabilities and vocational skills in a safe and positive environment.

Both selections would have to be posted in the following areas, in a manner that is easily accessible by the public:

- The room or rooms in which the board or board of directors conducts its meetings.
- An office in the school district's, ISD's, or PSA's administrative building.
- The principal's or chief administrator's office at each school operated by the board or board of directors, as applicable.

Proposed MCL 380.10a

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no impact on the state and would create minimal costs for a district, ISD, or PSA. A district, ISD, or PSA would be required to post and maintain the texts as required by the bill. These costs would be minimal and absorbed using existing staff time.

**POSITIONS:**

The Michigan Family Forum indicated support for the bill. (2-15-22)

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