

1 (5) The survival of the republic requires that our nation's children, the future guardians of
2 its heritage, and participants in its governance, have a firm knowledge and understanding of its
3 principles and history.

4 **16-22.3-3. Purpose.**

5 The purpose and intent of this chapter is to require, during the high school years, the
6 teaching of the nation's founding and related documents, which shall include the Declaration of
7 Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Federalist Papers.

8 **16-22.3-4. Administration.**

9 The commissioner of elementary and secondary education shall adopt and promulgate
10 rules and regulations for the administration of this chapter to:

11 (1) Participants in the course(s) of study address and answer questions on the contents of
12 the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Federalist Papers; and

13 (2) Specifically provide for curriculum content and teacher training to ensure that the
14 intent of this legislation is satisfied.

15 **16-22.3-5. Reporting and accountability.**

16 The commissioner of elementary and secondary education shall submit an annual report
17 to the governor and the legislature describing the specific rules and regulations issued pursuant to
18 this chapter and reporting the effectiveness of these rules and regulations as measured by the
19 passage of the course or courses required by § 16-22.3-3.

20 **16-22.3-6. Severability.**

21 If any provisions of this chapter are declared unconstitutional, or the applicability of any
22 provisions to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the constitutionality of the remainder of
23 this chapter and its applicability to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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