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House Bill 4902 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Mike Nofs  
House Committee: Education  
Senate Committee: Education

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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to "encourage" a school district or public school academy that taught world history in a middle school or a high school to focus the content of instruction on at least one or more of the following kingdoms: Ghana, Mali, Songhay, Benin, Bornu, Nubia, Axum, Meroe, Monomotapa, or medieval Ethiopia, or on the Swahili coast prior to 1750. The bill states, "This section is not intended to prohibit or limit teaching about other areas of African history."

Proposed MCL 380.1164b

Legislative Analyst: Curtis Walker

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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