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**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
94TH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2008**

Introduced by Reps. Nofs, Gaffney, Stahl, Virgil Smith, Mayes, Rick Jones, Farrah, Kathleen Law, Pearce, Cheeks, Scott, Clack, Gillard, Lemmons, Bennett, Espinoza, Vagnozzi, Meadows, Polidori, Robert Jones, Young, Griffin, Donigan, Gonzales, LeBlanc, Alma Smith, Simpson, Constan, Cushingberry, Johnson, Bauer, Ball, Clemente, Melton, Hammel, Condino, Jackson, Caswell, Booher, Proos, Hoogendyk, David Law, LaJoy, Wenke, Tobocman, Hildenbrand, Accavitti, Schuitmaker, Marleau, Stakoe, Valentine, Angerer, Sak, Meisner, Green, Miller, Brown, Leland, Byrnes, Pastor, Sheen and Spade

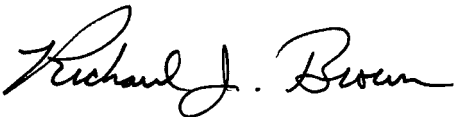
## **ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4902**

AN ACT to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled "An act to provide a system of public instruction and elementary and secondary schools; to revise, consolidate, and clarify the laws relating to elementary and secondary education; to provide for the organization, regulation, and maintenance of schools, school districts, public school academies, intermediate school districts, and other public school entities; to prescribe rights, powers, duties, and privileges of schools, school districts, public school academies, intermediate school districts, and other public school entities; to provide for the regulation of school teachers and certain other school employees; to provide for school elections and to prescribe powers and duties with respect thereto; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes; to provide for the borrowing of money and issuance of bonds and other evidences of indebtedness; to establish a fund and provide for expenditures from that fund; to provide for and prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, the state board of education, and certain other boards and officials; to provide for licensure of boarding schools; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," (MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1164b.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 1164b. A school district or public school academy that teaches world history in a middle school or high school grade is encouraged to focus the content of instruction regarding Africa on at least 1 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. This section is not intended to prohibit or limit teaching about other areas of African history.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives



Secretary of the Senate

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Governor