



**Senator Larry Obhof**  
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## **OBHOF INTRODUCES BILL TO REQUIRE TEACHING OF HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS SUCH AS THE OHIO CONSTITUTION IN HIGH SCHOOL**

*COLUMBUS*— State Senator Larry Obhof (R- Montville Township) today introduced Senate Bill 165, legislation that would incorporate the study of historically significant documents into students' American history and government curriculum. Obhof is sponsoring the bill with Senator Tim Grendell (R- Chesterland).

Senate Bill 165 will require that the high school history curriculum includes the study of the Declaration of Independence, Northwest Ordinance, U.S. Constitution, and the Ohio Constitution in their historical context, in order to gain a more thorough understanding of the history of government in both the United States and Ohio. The requirement would apply to those students who enter high school after July 1, 2012.

“It is important that students understand how and why our government operates as it does. By studying these primary documents, students will gain a better understanding of our federal and state governments, and will more fully understand their rights as citizens,” Obhof said.

Senate Bill 165 will now be assigned to a Senate committee for further review.