

HOUSE BILL No. 4705

May 3, 2001, Introduced by Reps. Gosselin, Bradstreet, Vander Veen, Voorhees, Vear, Hart, DeWeese, Julian, Kooiman and Drolet and referred to the Committee on Education.

A bill to amend 1976 PA 451, entitled
"The revised school code,"
(MCL 380.1 to 380.1852) by adding section 1164.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 1164. (1) THE TEACHING IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL SCIENCE
2 CLASS OF THE METHODOLOGICAL NATURALISM HYPOTHESIS AS AN EXPLANA-
3 TION FOR THE ORIGIN AND DIVERSITY OF LIFE SHALL NOT PRECLUDE ALSO
4 TEACHING THE DESIGN HYPOTHESIS AS AN EXPLANATION FOR THE ORIGIN
5 AND DIVERSITY OF LIFE. A PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFICIAL SHALL NOT CENSOR
6 OR PROHIBIT THE TEACHING OF THE DESIGN HYPOTHESIS.

7 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

8 (A) "DESIGN HYPOTHESIS" MEANS THE THEORY THAT LIFE AND ITS
9 DIVERSITY RESULT FROM A COMBINATION OF CHANCE, NECESSITY, AND
10 DESIGN.

1 (B) "METHODOLOGICAL NATURALISM HYPOTHESIS" MEANS THE THEORY
2 THAT NATURE IS ALL THERE IS AND THAT ALL PHENOMENA, INCLUDING
3 LIVING SYSTEMS, RESULT ONLY FROM CHANCE AND NECESSITY.