

HOUSE BILL No. 5005

July 17, 2003, Introduced by Reps. Hoogendyk, Moolenaar, Drolet, Voorhees, Vander Veen, Bradstreet, Ehardt and Tabor 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
3 explanation for the origin and diversity of life shall not
4 preclude also teaching the design hypothesis as an explanation
5 for the origin and diversity of life. A public school official
6 shall not censor or prohibit the teaching of the design
7 hypothesis.

8 (2) As used in this section:

9 (a) "Design hypothesis" means the theory that life and its
10 diversity result from a combination of chance, necessity, and
11 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.