

## Session 112 - (1997-1998)

### **S 0339 General Bill, By Jackson**

#### ***Similar (H 3530)***

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 59, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-460, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS TO BE EXCUSED FROM CLASS TO ATTEND OFF-CAMPUS RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REQUIREMENTS THAT MUST BE MET BEFORE STUDENTS MAY BE EXCUSED FOR THIS PURPOSE, TO PROVIDE THAT STUDENTS ATTENDING THIS INSTRUCTION ARE NOT CONSIDERED ABSENT FROM SCHOOL, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL DEVELOP A POLICY THAT PROVIDES REASONABLE PARAMETERS FOR THE RELEASE TIME AUTHORIZED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-1-440 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE MINIMUM HOURS AND USE OF THE SCHOOL DAY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NOTHING IN SECTION 59-1-440 SHALL BE CONSTRUED SO AS TO RESTRICT A STUDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN A PROGRAM OF OFF-CAMPUS RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 59-1-460, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE THAT TIME SPENT IN A PROGRAM OF OFF-CAMPUS RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION SHALL BE INCLUDED AS A PART OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL DAY.

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