

Session 118 - (2009-2010)

S 0874 General Bill, By Fair

Summary: School Children's Religious Liberties Act

A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EDUCATION, TO ENACT THE "SCHOOL CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 155 RELATING TO STUDENT EXPRESSION OF RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINTS, TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL TREAT RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINTS EXPRESSED BY STUDENTS CONCERNING AN OTHERWISE PERMISSIBLE SUBJECT IN THE SAME MANNER AS NON-RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINTS EXPRESSED BY STUDENTS ON THE SAME SUBJECT, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE STATE MUST ADOPT A POLICY ESTABLISHING A LIMITED PUBLIC FORUM FOR STUDENT SPEAKERS AT SCHOOL EVENTS, TO PROVIDE THE PARAMETERS OF THE POLICY, TO PROVIDE THAT STUDENTS MAY EXPRESS THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS IN CLASS ASSIGNMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT STUDENTS MUST BE PERMITTED TO ORGANIZE RELIGIOUS GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE SAME MANNER THAT STUDENTS MAY ORGANIZE NON-RELIGIOUS GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES.

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