

## Session 117 - (2007-2008)

**S\*0726 (Rat #0155, Act #0102 of 2007) General Bill, By Grooms, McGill, Rankin, Cleary, Reese, Bryant, Alexander, O'Dell, Verdin, Ford, Williams, McConnell, Short, Knotts, Land, Setzler, Malloy, Leatherman, Jackson, Hayes, Scott, Peeler, Sheheen, Thomas, Ryberg, Patterson, Vaughn, Fair, Hutto, Pinckney, Gregory, Moore, Anderson, Drummond, Hawkins, Campsen, Courson, Cromer, Matthews, Ritchie and Martin**

**Summary:** Teaching history and literature of Old Testament and New Testament

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 29, TITLE 59, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SUBJECTS OF INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-230 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY OFFER AN ELECTIVE COURSE TEACHING THE HISTORY AND LITERATURE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT ERA AND AN ELECTIVE COURSE TEACHING THE HISTORY AND LITERATURE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT ERA; TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURSES MUST BE TAUGHT IN AN OBJECTIVE MANNER WITH NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE STUDENTS AS TO THE TRUTH OR FALSITY OF THE MATERIALS PRESENTED; TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MUST DEVELOP AND ADOPT ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR THE COURSES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OVERSIGHT OF THE CLASSES BY THE LOCAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES. - ratified title

**05/01/07 Senate Introduced and read first time SJ-6**  
**05/01/07 Senate Referred to Committee on Education SJ-6**  
**05/23/07 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education SJ-50**  
**05/24/07 Senate Committee Amendment Amended and Adopted SJ-63**  
**05/24/07 Senate Read second time SJ-63**  
**05/24/07 Senate Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day SJ-63**  
**05/25/07 Senate Read third time and sent to House SJ-3**  
**05/29/07 House Introduced and read first time HJ-10**  
**05/29/07 House Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works HJ-11**  
**05/31/07 House Committee report: Favorable Education and Public Works HJ-3**  
**06/05/07 House Debate adjourned HJ-39**  
**06/06/07 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). Scott, Ott, Govan, Cobb-Hunter, Weeks, Hosey, Walker, and Whitmire HJ-13**  
**06/06/07 House Requests for debate removed-Rep(s). Ott, Whitmire, and Weeks HJ-21**  
**06/06/07 House Read second time HJ-70**  
**06/06/07 House Roll call Yeas-97 Nays-10 HJ-75**  
**06/07/07 House Read third time and enrolled HJ-74**  
**06/12/07 Ratified R 155**  
**06/18/07 Signed By Governor**  
**06/21/07 Copies available**  
**06/21/07 Effective date 06/18/07**  
**06/27/07 Act No. 102**