

## Session 112 - (1997-1998)

**H 3530 General Bill, By J.H. Neal, Campsen, Canty, Gourdine, Inabinett, L.H. Limbaugh, Lloyd, J.D. McMaster and J. Smith**

***Similar (S 0339)***

A BILL TO AMEND THE 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, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE MINIMUM HOURS AND USE OF THE SCHOOL DAY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY 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 PROVIDE THAT TIME SPENT IN A PROGRAM OF OFF-CAMPUS RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IS INCLUDED AS A PART OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL DAY.

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