

Session 113 - (1999-2000)

**H 4526 General Bill, By Campsen, Quinn, Taylor, McGee, Altman, Barrett, Easterday, Hamilton, Harrell, Haskins, Leach, Meacham-Richardson, Rice, Robinson, Sandifer, Simrill, F. Smith, Tripp, Trotter, Wilkins, Woodrum and Loftis**  
**Summary:** Religion in Public Schools Act of 2000, School districts, Curriculum, Attorney General to appoint officer

A BILL TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT OF 2000" INCLUDING PROVISIONS TO ADD SECTION 1-7-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL DESIGNATE ONE MEMBER OF HIS PROFESSIONAL STAFF AS THE "SOUTH CAROLINA RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS OFFICER" AND TO PROVIDE FOR THIS OFFICER'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; TO ADD SECTION 59-17-135 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THIS STATE SHALL CONDUCT TRAINING FOR TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS DURING ANNUAL IN-SERVICE TRAINING REGARDING CONSTITUTIONALLY AND STATUTORILY PERMITTED SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EXERCISES AND EXPRESSIONS; AND TO ADD SECTION 59-17-140 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT BY JULY 1, 2001, SHALL ADOPT A RELIGION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTENTS OF THIS POLICY AND THE MANNER IN WHICH IT SHALL BE DEVELOPED.

02/01/00	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-8
02/01/00	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-9
03/29/00	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary HJ-6
04/04/00	House	Amended HJ-19
04/04/00	House	Read second time HJ-21
04/05/00	House	Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-19
04/06/00	Senate	Introduced and read first time SJ-14
04/06/00	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary SJ-14
05/24/00	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary SJ-16
05/25/00	Senate	Committed to Committee on Education SJ-109
05/25/00	Senate	Recalled from Committee on Education SJ-110