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AMEND House Amendment No. \_\_\_\_ to House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill Nos. 681 & 662, Page 6, Line 11, by inserting after all of said line the following:

"Further amend said bill, Page 78, Section 170.048, Line 27, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

"170.341. 1. Any school district may offer students elective social studies courses relating to but not limited to the following:

(1) An elective social studies course on the Hebrew Scriptures, the Old Testament of the Bible;

(2) An elective social studies course on the New Testament of the Bible; or

(3) An elective social studies course on the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament of the Bible.

2. The purpose of a course under this section is to:

(1) Teach students knowledge of biblical content, characters, poetry, and narratives that are prerequisites to understanding contemporary society and culture, including literature, art, music, mores, oratory, and public policy; and

(2) Familiarize students with, as applicable:

(a) The contents of the Hebrew Scriptures or New Testament;

(b) The history of the Hebrew Scriptures or New Testament;

(c) The literary style and structure of the Hebrew Scriptures or New Testament; and

(d) The influence of the Hebrew Scriptures or New Testament on law, history, government, literature, art, music, customs, morals, values, and culture.

3. A student shall not be required to use a specific translation as the sole text of the Hebrew Scriptures or New Testament and may use as the basic textbook a different translation of the Hebrew Scriptures or New Testament from that chosen by the school district.

4. A course offered under this section shall follow applicable law and all federal and state guidelines in maintaining religious neutrality and accommodating the diverse religious views,

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1 traditions, and perspectives of students in the school. A course offered under this section shall not  
2 endorse, favor, or promote, or disfavor or show hostility toward, any particular religion or  
3 nonreligious faith or religious perspective.

4 5. School districts, in complying with this section, shall not violate any provision of the  
5 Constitution of the United States or federal law, the Constitution of Missouri or any state law, or any  
6 administrative regulations of the department of elementary and secondary education or the United  
7 States Department of Education."; and"; and

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9 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
10 accordingly.

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12 This amends 4133H10.19H