

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**Offered By**

AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 160, Page 5, Section 160.231, Line 27, by inserting after all of the said section and line the following:

"160.2501. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Missouri Religious Liberty in Schools Awareness Act".

2. Each public school shall post a statement containing the following or substantially similar information:

The Missouri Religious Liberty in Schools Awareness Act requires that students and employees of public schools that are operated at public expense be advised and therefore, encouraged regarding constitutional rights and liberties in the educational setting that are assured by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, free from government coercion:

For public school students, such rights and liberties include, but are not limited to, that a student may, in a manner that does not interrupt or displace the educational mission of the public school:

Express the student's beliefs about religion to others;

Pray or engage in religious expression or read the Bible or other religious texts or materials during free time including, but not limited to, in the classroom;

When relevant to the subject matter, express the student's beliefs about religion in a class assignment; and

Form, organize, and participate or refrain from participating in, prayer groups, religious clubs and other religious gatherings if other secular groups, clubs, and gatherings are permitted.

For public school employees, such rights and liberties include, but are not limited to, that an employee may, in a manner that does not interrupt or displace the educational mission of the public school:

Respectfully discuss the employee's faith with other school

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employees;

When relevant to the subject matter, discuss the influence of religion on history and culture;

Enjoy the accommodation of the employee's religious beliefs as required by law;

Sponsor student religious clubs if secular student clubs are sponsored; and

Enjoy freedom from religious discrimination as provided by law.

1       3. (1) The statement required to be posted under this section shall be posted in a prominent  
2 location in each of such public school's buildings in which the academic instruction of students  
3 actually and regularly occurs.

4       (2) Such statement shall be posted in a similar form and manner as other information  
5 required by law is posted.

6       4. The provisions of this section shall be construed to be consistent and in conjunction with  
7 section 160.2500."; and

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